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STATE AFFAIRS.

THE ONE CENT MEASURE.

TWO BILLS [illegible]

[illegible] Committee—Week Claims.

JURISDICTION OF COUNTY COURTS.

PARDONS.

[illegible]

ALBANY, Saturday, March 29, 1856.

In the Senate, Mr. WADSWORTH, from the Committee on Education, reported the following [illegible] relative to documents [illegible] by Simeon S. Lawrence, Esq., of the [illegible]

Resolved (the Assembly concur,) That the Regents of the University be and they hereby are, requested to deliver to the Clerk of the Senate, a series of [illegible] of the State of New-York Legislature, [illegible] to be printed and placed in the State [illegible]

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[illegible] Committee, Mr. Graham, [illegible] to be [illegible] by the Assembly, amended, and [illegible] to said Board of Regents as a suitable person to be employed for the [illegible] purpose.

NEW CITY HALL.

Mr. [illegible] reported the bill to build the new City Hall in New-York, and on his motion it was ordered engrossed for a third reading.

ASSESSOR CLERKS ETC.

Mr. RUGGLES introduced a bill relative to the sale of liquors, &c., which may be summed up (in the language of the honorable Senator, as follows:

First, Repealing the granting permission for the sale of liquors in the section of public laws, protecting the sale of such liquors as may be in the possession of persons wishing to engage in the business of liquor for the accommodation of travelers, [illegible] them to sell the same by retail, [illegible] the quantity to any one person in one [illegible]

Second, Prohibiting the sale of all liquors by retail [illegible] after the passage of this law, [illegible] provided, to sell for mechanical, [illegible] medicinal purposes, and also prohibiting the sale of distilled liquors [illegible] for carrying the provisions into [illegible] and penalties, and directs New-York [illegible] under the law. In some [illegible] the bill is carefully drawn in [illegible] the Constitution of the State and to [illegible] the Court of Appeals, and I have [illegible] that it is the times and to the wants of the people.

ALSO BILL AMENDED.

Mr. RUGGLES introduced a bill to regulate the sale of spirituous liquors, &c., being an exact copy of the [illegible] under consideration of the Assembly.

MILLS PASSED.

Authorizing the tax relative to Foreign Insurance Companies in the City of New-York.

Authorizing the charters of the villages of Le Roy, [illegible] and Gouverneur.

Relating to the Hamilton and Canton Plank-road.

Relating to bounties on hounds.

Relating to the supply of [illegible] for the sale, manufacture [illegible]

[illegible] of Eastern Canada.

[illegible] of Madison, Genesee.

[illegible] of Gilbert Palmer and another.

[illegible] the capital stock of the Brooklyn Collegiate [illegible]

[illegible] by the manufacture of rain by saline evaporation.

To incorporate the Yorkville Library Association.

To extend the map of the town of Flatbush.

To amend the law relative to the preservation of game and game animals.

To regulate the sale of potatoes by weight.

To amend the charter of the Cattaraugus Mutual Insurance Company.

To amend the law relative to Mutual Fire Insurance Companies.

To authorize the New-York Balance Dock Company to mortgage its property.

To enable Forest Grove to found a Scientific Institution in the City of New-York.

To allow certain towns to subscribe to the capital stock of the Sodus Point and Southern Railroad Company.

Relating to the poor of Monroe County.

To authorize the city of Schenectady to provide money to pay its debts.

To open and regulate Manhattan Park, in the City of New-York.

To amend the laws of taxation with regard to the support of Common Schools.

To provide for the more thorough visitation and supervision of the Common Schools.

[illegible] to public instruction.

[illegible] relative to Columbia County.

The usual morning of bills and the reports of Committees followed, the title of the Senate nearly the same [illegible]

[illegible] COMMUNICATIONS.

[illegible] the Senate concurrent to the New-York Harbor Commission, bill extending the time from the 1st of January next to the second Tuesday in January, was concurred in.

[illegible] BILLS.

Mr. [illegible], from the majority of the State Prison Committee, reported against the claim of the Sing Sing Stock against Marcus J. Lockwood, late agent of Sing Sing Prison.

Mr. [illegible] presented a minority report in favor of paying $10,000, and recommended referring the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means, which disposition was agreed to by the House.

[illegible] INDIANS.

Mr. [illegible], from the Indian Committee, reported the Senate bill authorizing the Stockbridge Indians to commence suits for the recovery of lands (Anti-Rent) in the Counties of Albany, Rensselaer and Columbia.

Mr. [illegible] presented a minority report, against the bill, recommending its reference to the Judiciary Committee. A long debate followed, when finally the bill was committed to the Committee of the Whole.

[illegible] RAILROAD.

Mr. [illegible], from the Railroad Committee, asked to be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of [illegible], for a Charter for a Sub-[illegible] Railroad in Broadway, which was granted, and the petition was referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

[illegible] REPORTS.

Mr. [illegible], from the Select Committee on [illegible], reported a bill providing for disposing of the State [illegible] as follows:

[illegible] Queens and Richmond counties.

II—[illegible] 2d, 3d, 4th, 5th, 6th, 10th and 11th Wards of Brooklyn, and the county towns of Kings.

III—The 1st, 2d, 3d, 7th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th and 18th Wards of Brooklyn.

IV—The 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th Wards of New-York.

V—The 10th, 11th, 12th and 17th Wards of New-York.

VI—The 13th, 15th, 16th, 19th, 21st and 22d Wards of New-York.

VII—The 8th, 18th and 20th Wards of New-York.

VIII—Westchester and Putnam.

IX—Rockland, Orange and Sullivan.

X—Ulster and Greene.

XI—Dutchess and Columbia.

XII—Rensselaer and Washington.

XIII—[illegible]

XIV—Schoharie, Schenectady and Schoharie.

XV—Montgomery, Fulton, Saratoga and Hamilton.

XVI—Warren, Essex and Clinton.

XVII—St. Lawrence and Franklin.

XVIII—Jefferson and Lewis.

XIX—[illegible]

XX—Oswego and Oneida.

XXI—[illegible] and Chenango.

XXII—[illegible] and Otsego.

XXIII—Tioga, Tompkins and Broome.

XXIV—Wayne and Cayuga.

XXV—Ontario, Yates and Seneca.

XXVI—Chemung, Schuyler and Steuben.

XXVII—Wyoming, Livingston and Allegany.

XXIX—Monroe.

XXX—Genesee, Orleans and Niagara.

XXXI—[illegible]

XXXII—Chautauqua and Cattaraugus.

XXXIII—[illegible]

SUBMISSION OF COUNTY ORDERS.

The [illegible] resolution, recommending an amendment of the Constitution, so as to give the Legislature power to prescribe the jurisdiction of County Courts was called up, and the question being taken on its final passage, it was lost, failing to receive a majority of votes. The vote stood 61 to 9. A motion to reconsider was tabled.

A SUMMARY COMMITTEE.

A resolution for the appointment of a Committee of Nine to select such bills as are proper to be reported to report complete, (known as the Grinding Committee,) was adopted.

[illegible] BOUNDARIES.

The Senate resolution authorizing Wm. H. Ranney to trace the Legislature documents was amended so as to be, give the job to the Clerk of the Assembly, and adopted.

PARDONS.

Mr. GUNSE introduced a bill to amend the act of April 20, 1846, in relation to pardons:

SEC. 1. Amends the first section of that act, so as to provide that whenever an application shall be made to the Governor for a pardon, he shall before granting it require the District-Attorney of the County where the conviction was had, to furnish a statement of the case, and all facts relating to the pardon, and which information he is required to furnish.

SEC. 2. Requires written notice of the application for the pardon to be served on the District-Attorney before it shall be acted on.

SAFETY ON FERRY BOATS.

Mr. DRIGGS has brought in a bill to apply the provisions of the act requiring steamboats and vessels driven by steam, to carry small boats for the protection of life in case of accident, passed April 11, 1849, to ferry boats, which it is hoped the terrible calamity upon the Delaware will induce members to put forward and enact as a law.

ROCHESTER UNIVERSITY.

Mr. PRESCOTT introduced a bill to appropriate $6,000 for two years to the Rochester University, the Trustees of that Institution to issue perpetual scholarship to the Superintendent of Public Instruction, and to give evidence of perpetual endowment of $100,000.

LEGAL NOTICES.

Mr. HOLMES brought in a bill to provide for the publication of legal notices, which authorizes that the publication of any notice, law or advertisement required by law to be published, may be made in any newspaper published in the County required.

A LOVE FEAST.

All of our "good Democrats" on Thursday were the recipients of a card, inviting them to meet Senators SOUTHARD, of New-York, and WADSWORTH, of Erie, at a dinner to be given at the Delavan House. I understand about one hundred of these invitations were dispensed, and that about eighty responded to the call.

The entertainment was very profuse, and the speaking far above the average of after-dinner talk.

The most noticeable person present—apart from those under whose auspices the board was spread—was your Mayor WOOD. He was toasted, and of course responded.

I suppose the purpose of this entertainment was the hope to create a little more harmonious feeling in the Democratic ranks—it is said that it looked to the development of BUCHANAN for President and WOOD for Mayor.

Of course the Democracy were willing enough to unite over a good dinner—the Democracy would have lost caste had they not been willing to fuse on such [illegible] were spread before them on this occasion. But I fancy the fusion went no further than a thoroughly disembowelled and practical appreciation of the viands. And least of all do I think that the Buchanan seed which Mr. SOUTHARD came here to sow has fallen upon such soil as will promote germination. It seems to have gone to the wayside and on barren places. LEO.

LATEST INTELLIGENCE

By Telegraph to the New-York Daily Times.

Magnetic Telegraph Co.'s Offices—3 Hanover-st., and 181 Broadway.
House Printing Telegraph—Office No. 21 Wall-street.

Officers of the Kansas Commissioners—Rev. Thos. Starr King in Washington.

WASHINGTON, Sunday, March 30.

The officers of the Kansas Commission were settled upon finally on Saturday. Secretaries, Sergeants-at-Arms, &c.: GEORGE G. FOGG, of Concord, N. H., Mr. BOWNE, of Westchester, Penn., and S. P. HANSCOM, of Boston. The particular duties of the above have not yet been defined. Their pay and duties will be equalized. There were between four and five hundred applicants.

Rev. THOS. STARR KING, of Boston, preached in the Unitarian Church (Rev. Mr. CONWAY's) to-day. He is to lecture in the same Church during the week.

The Cunard Steamer Curlew Lost.

BOSTON, Saturday, March 29.

We learn by the arrival of the bark *Mercury*, at Provincetown, (Cape Cod, Mass.,) that the Cunard steamer *Curlew*, from Halifax to Bermuda, was wrecked on the North Breakers, off Bermuda, at 4 o'clock on the morning of the 16th inst., and sank in three minutes. The mails were lost, but the crew were saved. She lies with decks under water, and is broken in two. Assistance had been sent to her, but the sea ran so high they could not save anything.

Disaster to the Brig St. Leon.

BOSTON, Sunday, March 30.

A dispatch from Wellfleet, (Cape Cod,) this morning, states that the brig *St. Leon*, Capt. PARKINE, from Gonaives for Boston, with a cargo of logwood and mahogany, lays at anchor near Billingsgate Point, with masts gone and deck load lost. The decks are one foot under water. The crew were taken off.

The Canada at Boston.

BOSTON, Sunday, March 30.

The Royal mail steamship *Canada*, Captain LANG, arrived here at 4 o'clock this afternoon, and her mails for the South were dispatched by the 6 P. M. train, due in New-York at an early hour on Monday morning.

The papers contain nothing of importance beyond what was embraced in the dispatch from Halifax.

Governor Price not a Defaulter.

TRENTON, N. J., Saturday, March 29.

The jury in the United States Court to-day, rendered a verdict in favor of Governor PRICE for $193,089 against the United States Government, leaving $10,089 to be adjudicated on by Congress, which could not be legally settled in this suit.

Railroad Accident.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Saturday, March 29.

The train which left Philadelphia this afternoon for this place was thrown down an embankment fifteen feet, and was only saved from going into the river by the cars lodging in the trees. Two of the passengers were seriously injured and others badly bruised.

Non-Arrival of the Daniel Webster at New-Orleans.

NEW-ORLEANS, Saturday, March 29.

The steamship *Daniel Webster*, which was due at this port on Monday last, from San Juan, has not yet arrived here. It is feared that she has been missed by General WALKER. Great excitement prevails here in regard to her non-arrival.

Suicide at Springfield, Mass.

SPRINGFIELD, Saturday, March 29.

CHARLES A. [illegible], of Boston, in a temporary fit of insanity last night jumped from the third story window of the Hampden House, and died this morning from the injuries received.

Southern Emigrants to Kansas.

CINCINNATI, Saturday, March 29.

Another party of twenty-eight emigrants to Kansas left this city yesterday, and fifteen started from the Orangeburg District on the previous day.

The Southern Mail.

BALTIMORE, Sunday, March 30.

The New-Orleans mail of Monday last is at hand.

TENANT HOUSES.

PRACTICAL AMALGAMATION.

"Rotten Row" and "Soap-Fat Alley."

CONCLUSION OF THE INVESTIGATION.

During the examinations made by the Legislative Committee on Saturday, tenant life was presented in a greater variety of aspects, than on any other day since the commencement of their investigations. They found wretches making feeble efforts towards a reformation of their wretchedness—poor people who, having lost all hope of redemption from their miserable condition, were stopping the chinks in their broken walls with shreds of charred wood from the ruins caused by a recent fire, and covering the work with shreds of paper that had been stripped from the walls of the more fortunate and cast into the street to give place to better material of more fashionable colors—buttering the butterless bread of their children with the story of the queer old man, who, by a touch of his finger could turn grass into roasted mutton, fat and good, and the brown stones by the wayside into large white loaves, much larger and whiter than the baker's. In the same houses with these were those whose efforts were in the opposite direction, incongruous though it may seem, they took pleasure—such pleasure as recklessness sometimes gives to the wretched—in tearing enough splinters from the unplaned boards that divided their apartments from the others, and beating their children with them when they spoke of hunger. They did not silence their lean dogs that growled at us from a corner as we entered, and ragged and dirty youngsters cursed us for spoiling a cat fight in a rear passage-way. But they all enjoyed a stampede of rats which were frightened by our sudden entrance into a garret room, that for some time previous had had no other occupants. Again there were those who seemed living in comparative comfort, who had established no offensive distinction between the white race and the black; and there were those who, while they were as limited in the means of obtaining the necessaries of life as the others, were, in consequence of the better quality of their houses, which they have for the same price as is charged for the worst we have seen, comfortable, and many of them apparently happy.

AMALGAMATION.

The first house entered by Messrs. BEYCOCK and DUGANNA, was No. 35 Laurens-street—a house similar to many of those before described as bad, but not the worst of the tenant houses. The passages were very dark and dirty, and all the rooms in an unhealthy condition. There were fifteen families in the house, numbering, in all, forty-eight persons. Those on the first floor pay eight dollars a month for a kitchen and small bedroom, and those on the fourth floor six dollars and a half. The rear building, also four stories in height, was found in worse condition than the front, notwithstanding the ventilation was better than is usually such houses. It was in these buildings that the largest number of white and black men with women were found living together as husband and wife. In one of the rooms on the second floor there were five girls—three black and two white—living together. In the next room there was a large athletic negro, holding a mulatto child, while his wife, a sickly-looking white woman, was feeding another of their offspring in another part of the room. The children seemed healthy and strong, and their black father and white mother took equal pride in showing them to advantage. This family seemed to have the means of living comfortably. The walls of the largest room were adorned with a number of cheap prints, noticeable from the fact that they all represented blacks and whites regarding each other with affection. There were several representations of "Uncle Tom and little Eva," and one or two representing a well dressed black man "making love" to a pretty and delicately formed white girl. The author of "Uncle Tom" could hardly have anticipated that her creation would be hung upon the walls of amalgamationists, as arguments in their favor. In another room, on the same floor, there was a large negress, apparently about 40 years of age, who had four children of various shades. One was very black, three were mulattoes,—one nearly white. The black, and two of the mulatto children seemed healthy, but the one nearly white was feeble and idiotic. Their mother had no complaint to make either then about her rent. She thought six dollars and a half per month too much for a very small kitchen and a dark bedroom in such a house. The other rooms throughout the house presented features similar to those already named. We were informed by a party present that the black men in the house were mostly waiters in hotels or on board steamboats; and that the white women—their wives, were of those who had been assistants in the hotels with them. There are several houses in the City that are occupied by Amalgamationists. The one in the house we have been speaking of, are black and white.

ROTTEN ROW.

Leaving the abode of amalgamation, we entered a block of buildings, properly named Rotten-row. There are fourteen houses, front and rear, and worse specimens of tenant houses are not to be found in the City of New-York. There are forty-eight apartments in the front, and one hundred and twenty-eight in the rear houses, and there is not a single room in which the wood-work is not decayed, and where more than one-half the plaster has not fallen from the walls. The stairways are all dark as night and the stairs are broken and filthy. The rents for a room range from $9 to $9 per month, and they, as would be supposed, occupied by the very poorest of the laboring class in the City. The basement of one of the buildings is kept by a man as a boarding and lodging-house. There are two rooms and a passage-way, with a ceiling five feet and eight inches high. There are a number of bunks, built against the walls in the rear room, which is without light, and several others erected against a partition passage-way. More miserable lodgings could not readily be found. In answer to our interrogatories, the wife of the keeper said they charged one shilling a night to lodgers, or four shillings a week. We were pleased to learn that she had not received as much for her lodgings, during the entire Winter, as would pay the rent, (nine dollars,) a single month. She had several times been obliged to pawn the beds in order to raise the money to pay the landlord. We did not ask her where she pawned them, but the hearts of pawn-brokers are softer than they are said to be, if she could obtain sufficient amount of money to pay the smallest possible debt, upon such bedding as was there.

No. 36 Laurens-street was next examined. It consists of two large brick buildings, front and rear. They are four stories high, with narrow passage-ways and narrower stairs. They are in very bad order, but after having been through "Rotten-row" they seemed quite respectable. Several other buildings were visited in Laurens-street, which were similar in appearance to No. 36. In Green-street, a six-story block, No. 32, was examined, front and rear, and proved to be in very good condition. The principal objection to it is the narrowness of the stairways, which, in case of fire, would not be sufficient to allow of the escape of those in the upper rooms. In Downing-street and Bleecker-street, several houses were visited which are nearly as bad as Rotten-row. One block owned by Dr. [illegible], and another by Dr. HAYNES, are disgraceful. The rooms are small and almost without ventilation and the poor people who occupy them are charged $1 per month. After viewing these, the Committee entered an alley-way, over which was written "No. 27 Mangin-alley-street, better known as

SOAP-FAT ALLEY.

It derives its name from the character of the business in which most of the inmates of the houses in the rear are engaged, and of which, they are by no means proud. The buildings differ from other very dirty and miserable tenant-houses only in the construction of the means of entering the several stories. The doors are built in the wall which forms one side of the alley, and along the outside open stairways have been constructed. In some instances, the outer side of the stairway is inclosed by laths nailed against the posts about three inches apart. The occupants spoke very favorably of the arrangement, as it afforded light and air, which, if it were a close wall, they could not have enjoyed. There are about thirty families in this alley, and they are all miserably poor. The cry of the soap-fat man does not bring showers of gold to his pockets, but if such houses as that in which so many of them reside were torn down, and a tenant-house of approved plan erected in its stead, they might have comfortable lodgings for the money they now give for hovels.

Among other buildings examined there was one No. 249 Christopher-street, which presented a marked contrast to the others. It is what is called a model tenant-house, and is very well arranged, with the exception of the partitions, which are of pine wood, and very thin. This was the last building visited by the Committee, and with it they concluded their examinations.

They are united in the opinion that good tenant-houses can be built, and rented profitably for some up larger than is now paid for the worst class of buildings in the City; and also that much that is unpleasant in the appearance and character of those who occupy them is caused by the bad condition of the houses in which they live.

While the gentlemen of the Committee, named, were examining the buildings, the remainder were in the City Hall receiving statements from

LANDLORDS AND BUILDERS.

The following landlords and tenant-house builders responded to Mr. SHEA, the member of the Committee remaining at the office of the Clerk of the Common Council for that purpose, their views of how tenant-houses ought to be constructed:

Mr. R. O. STRANGE first appeared. He came before the Committee more particularly, he said, to inquire if they proposed to have anything to do with houses of ill-fame?

Mr. SHEA replied that in their official character they should not.

Mr. STRANGE said that the reason of the inquiry was that a tenant-house owned by himself—No. 43 Baxter-street, was surrounded with such tenements, and that they constantly threw their garbage from their yards into his, besides annoying him in multiplied other ways.

Mr. SHEA suggested that a good way to get rid of such annoyances would be to buy the adjoining building and convert them into respectable houses.

Mr. STRANGE said this he feared would involve the purchase of a very extended area of the city, Mr. STRANGE, in now speaking of his tenant-house above referred to, stated that the apartments were not kept cleanly by the occupants; and he insisted further that no building occupied by the very poor class of tenants he was, could be kept clean, do matter how vigilant the landlord might be. He suggested that the Committee recommend giving every landlord the power of a health officer. This, he claimed, was the only way in which the lower class of tenant-houses could be kept clean. He made about ten per cent out of his tenants. His rents of his apartments varied from $8 50 to $9 a month. He always gave his tenants notice of five days to quit.

Mr. SAMUEL WILSON succeeded Mr. STRANGE. He had erected and built and had charge for others of tenant-houses for 30 years. He had now 10 regular tenant-houses and some other tenements. Some of these were not regular tenant-houses. The houses which he had built himself were designed expressly to accommodate a class of tenants making from $4 to $10 a week. He built two such, Nos. 47 and 49 Baxter-st., 18 years ago, and then charged $9 a month for each suite of rooms. At the present the rents were $5 per cent less than this amount. He reduced the rent because occupants would sublet their apartments on the plea that they could not afford to pay the amount of rent charged. There was the same sub-letting now, and it was vain, he said, to explain this feature of tenant-houses, which he did not believe was generally understood, that he had come before the Committee. Such sub-letting, he said, was the chief cause of the crowded state and filth seen in tenant-houses.

Mr. SHEA asked if the landlord could not prevent sub-letting?

Mr. WILSON said, as the laws at present were, it was impossible to prevent it. The tenant paid his rent and claimed that the apartments then belonged to him, and it was hard to eject such tenant. Mr. WILSON urged a change of the present law on ejectments. In conclusion he suggested, as in his view the best plan for the erection of tenant-houses, the following: A lot 25 by 100 feet, with a front and rear house—the front house 25 feet deep, an interval of 40 feet between this and the rear building, the rear building 37 feet deep and five feet open space left behind. Each building should be five stories high, and walls 12 inches thick; on each floor two families, each family having a room and bedroom, the bedroom with windows. These buildings, he claimed, would be thoroughly ventilated. They could be built for about $6,000 each, exclusive of the cost of the lot, and the apartments could be let from $5 to $6 a month.

Mr. JOHN MCCREERY now volunteered his ideas of a healthful tenant-house. He would have two rows of buildings, with a large grass plot between, and in the centre of the grass plot a fountain, &c. The completion of Mr. MCCREERY's description was finally cut short by an intimation from Mr. SHEA, that the Committee only wanted the suggestion of practical ideas.

Mr. THOMAS FAIRLIE next appeared. He had built for himself and others a large number of tenant-houses. They had been multifarious in plan. From his long experience at building and careful study of the wants of tenants, he had made up his mind that, in a sanitary point of view, no rear houses should ever be erected. It was totally impossible to keep the back yards and alley-ways clear of nuisances. He recommended that no less than two rooms be ever allotted to one family, and not over four. The rooms over this latter number would be universally used as wood and coal-bins and general receptacles of rubbish. The halls should be from four to six feet wide at the entrance, and from seven to eight feet in width where the stairs are. The ceilings should be eight or nine feet in height, and in each room ventilators in the hall near the ceiling. Over the staircases there should be a skylight. The cellars should be spacious, and a man should be kept in each house to see that it be kept clean.

Mr. JAMES WEMS followed, which concluded the statements offered. He had been a builder thirty years, and during this time had built a large number of tenant-houses. His suggestions coincided very nearly with those of Mr. FAIRLIE.

In addition to the returns published on Friday, we have the following:

REPORT OF TENANT HOUSES IN BROOKLYN.

In the *First Ward* there are 50 tenant-houses, 11 of which contain 6 families each; 14, 6; 3, 7; 7, 8; 5, 9; 4, 10; 1, 14.

Second Ward—39 houses, 9 contain 4 families each; 20, 5; 18, 6; 11, 7; 4, 8; 1, 9; 1, 11; 2, 12.

Third Ward—5 houses, 1 contains 5 families; 3, 6; 1, 7; 1, 9.

Fourth Ward—19 houses, of which 4 contain 5 families each; 8, 6; 5, 7; 1, 8; 1, 9; 1, 10.

Fifth Ward—116 houses, of which 25 contain 4 families each; 34, 5; 20, 7; 11, 8; 1, 9; 2, 10; 1, 12, (64 rooms, 16x12, 49 persons); 1, 15, (48 rooms, 16x12, 72 persons); 1, 18, (48 rooms, 16x12, 90 persons.)

Sixth Ward—38 houses, of which 17 contain each 5 families; 24, 6; 21, 7; 13, 8; 4, 9; 11, 11; 2, 14; 1, 16; 2, 18; 2, 20; 1, 21; 1, 30; 1, 35; 1, 38.

Seventh Ward—25 houses, 11 of which contain 4 families each; 4, 5; 7, 7; 2, 8; 2, 9.

Eighth Ward—6 houses, 4 of which contain 5 families each; 1, 10; 1, 26.

Ninth Ward—3 houses, 4 of which contain 4 families each; 1, 5; 1, 6.

Tenth Ward—31 houses, of which 19 contain 5 families each; 23, 6; 16, 7; 12, 8; 4, 9; 3, 10; 1, 12; 1, 17; 1, 18.

Eleventh Ward—33 houses, 9 of which contain 4 families each; 4, 5; 1, 6; 4, 8; 1, 10; 1, 12; 1, 14.

Twelfth Ward—61 houses, 31 of which contain 5 families each; 18, 6; 3, 7; 3, 8; 1, 10; 1, 20.

Thirteenth Ward—22 houses, 7 of which contain 6 families each; 5, 7; 3, 8; 4, 11; 1, 16; 1, 24.

Fourteenth Ward—24 houses, of which 18 contain 6 families each; 20, 6; 3, 7; 1, 8; 1, 9; 1, 19; 1, 18.

Fifteenth Ward—No returns.

Sixteenth Ward—No returns.

Seventeenth Ward—10 houses, of which 8 contain 5 families each; 5, 6, and 1, 7.

Eighteenth Ward—No returns.

The average number of persons to each family throughout the city, as reported, is about 6.

At 5 o'clock the Committee adjourned sine die. They will report soon, but they are under the impression that there is not sufficient time left to do anything during the present session of the Legislature.

NEW-YORK CITY.

The Restless Negro.

The negro, GEORGE WILSON, on the application of his counsel, Mr. MILLNER, has been discharged from custody by the authorities of Westchester County, and brought to this City, in care of an Officer. It seems there was an informality in his first commitment, and as the mother of the missing captain and mate of the *Sultana* have not been found, he would not be recommitted. So he escapes. It was feared by Mr. MILLNER that he would be torn in pieces by the incensed and outraged people of Westchester County. He was, therefore, protected to this City, and will, as it is understood, be guarded from the public eye, until he can find his way to sea. He escaped through the flimsiness of a legal cobweb. The bodies of the captain and mate have not been found. The negro says he has been in a worse scrape before, and escaped.

POLICE INTELLIGENCE.

ANOTHER CASE OF ABORTION—ARREST OF THE ALLEGED ABORTIONIST.

Coroner CONNERY has been engaged for some days past in investigating another case of alleged abortion. The facts elicited in the case are very painful. From the evidence taken before the Coroner's Jury, it appears that about six weeks since a girl of the town, named Isabella Matilda McCarthy, went to board at a house of ill-fame kept by a Mrs. Harriet Bayley, at No. 62 Marion-street. When there a few days, it was discovered that she was enceinte. She at first denied being so. A physician named Mattocks was called in to examine her, when she confessed the fact, and expressed a determination to produce an abortion upon herself. Mrs. Bayley said she must not do anything of the kind in her house, but offered to give her some money with which to pay her board elsewhere; she did not leave the house then, however; Dr. Mattocks attended her, and at his recommendation she partook of some tansy tea; she continued ill for three weeks thereafter, when Dr. Griscom was called to see her, and at his desire she was removed to Bellevue Hospital, where she died at 11 o'clock on Friday; early on the morning of that day, Coroner CONNERY impannelled a jury and proceeded to the Hospital, where he took the declaration of the dying girl, which was as follows:

"My name is Isabella Matilda McCarthy; I was born in Scotland; am 19 years old; Mrs. Bailey, of Marion-street, brought me a doctor to cause an abortion; he came in the morning in question; Mrs. Baily brought the Dr. (Matthew, corner of Marion and Spring-street); the abortion took place before the arrival of the second doctor; I do not know the first doctor; Mrs. Baily does; the first doctor caused the abortion to take place, whatever he gave me.

ISABELLA MATILDA McCARTHY.

Taken before me this 28th day of March, 1856.

E. D. CONNERY, Coroner.

The Coroner held an inquest on the case, at his office in Chambers-street, on Friday evening. Bridget Maine, who attended deceased as nurse, Mrs. Bailey, Mary Elizabeth Gallery, (one of Mrs. B's lady boarders,) Wm. M. Gilchrist, M. D., and Thomas C. Hassell, M. D., made some statements, corroborative of the above. The doctors were of opinion that tansy tea would produce an abortion.

The jury found that an abortion was produced by Dr. J. R. Mattocks upon deceased, thereby causing her death.

Upon the rendition of the verdict Mattocks was arrested, and committed to the Tombs in default of $1,500 bail. Mrs. Bailey and two of her boarders were also held in $500 each, to testify before the Grand Jury.

The deceased ran away from her home, when fifteen years of age, with a sea captain named Black, by whom she had two children.

THE VIRGINIA MAN AGAIN.

Some correspondent has been for weeks past traveling about our streets, or somewhere else, with a Richmond Enquirer, and marking an article therein, headed "Slavery Vindicated," upon which, the Enquirer says, "Some Northern fanatic, who happens to be in Richmond, has been circulating this article, and marking it in such a way as to make it appear that it was the work of a man, who, in our city, with his family, has taken up his residence, and who, in consequence of his sentiments, has been compelled to leave his home in the South." The Enquirer then goes on to speak of the author, as a man who "has taken up his residence in our city, with his family, and who, in consequence of his sentiments, has been compelled to leave his home in the South." The Enquirer then goes on to speak of the author, as a man who "has taken up his residence in our city, with his family, and who, in consequence of his sentiments, has been compelled to leave his home in the South." One indignant citizen offers a reward of $100 for his detection, and another, whose initials are given, for some reason, says in print: "I will deposit $1,000 in any bank in the City as a forfeiture, which shall be paid to some benevolent institution, if I do not kill this vitriol-thrower if I can find out who he is." The vitriol-thrower had better decide!

ANOTHER SUICIDE.

Charles Eisehart committed suicide on Saturday night, by taking poison, at his residence, No. 28 Orchard-street. He had been for a long time much depressed in spirits. A verdict in accordance with the facts was rendered by the Coroner's Jury.

MORE ABOUT THE LATE SUSPECTED CASE.

The Police of the Twenty-second Ward have found out further facts relative to the late attempt at murder in their District, an account of which was published in the TIMES a few days since. The facts so obtained were deemed sufficient to warrant the arrest of Babtiste Bandelet, the French gunsmith, on suspicion of being the would-be murderer of John Bargott, the shoemaker, residing at No. 69 West Forty-sixth-street. Bandelet is in prison.

Fires.

FIRE IN WORTH-STREET.

At 5 o'clock P. M. Saturday, an alarm of fire was occasioned by a slight fire in the attic of dwelling No. 147 Worth-street, caused by falling sparks from a burning chimney.

FIRE IN SPRING-STREET.

On Saturday evening, at 8¼ o'clock, a fire broke out in the cabinet-maker's shop No. 59 Spring-street. Damage trifling.

FIRE IN BEEKMAN-STREET.

About 2½ o'clock yesterday morning a fire occurred in the building No. 122 Beekman-street. It was put out before much damage was done.

FIRE IN EAST ELEVENTH-STREET.

At 11 o'clock yesterday forenoon a fire occurred in a front room on the second floor of a building in the rear of No. 102 East Eleventh-street. Slight damage was sustained. The premises were occupied by John Murphy.

FIRE IN THE SIXTH DISTRICT.

The alarm of fire for the Sixth District, at 7 o'clock yesterday afternoon, was occasioned by a fire of trifling extent in a building at the corner of Houston and Sheriff streets. It was put out with a few pails of water.

LONG ISLAND.

The Ferry-Boat Fulton on Fire.

On Saturday night, about 11 o'clock, as the Union Ferry-boat *Fulton* was on her regular trip from New-York to Brooklyn, the pilot discovered a light in the direction of Governor's Island, and supposing it to be a vessel on fire, headed his boat towards it for the purpose of rendering assistance, if necessary. On arriving near Governor's Island, it was found that his own boat was on fire, where the the pipe passes through the roof, and for a short time there was a tremendous excitement among the passengers. A few buckets of water were sufficient to quench the fire, and the passengers were landed in safety. The Union Ferry-boat Company have recently attached a steam "donkey" to each of their boats, capable of throwing a 3½-inch stream of water. This is so arranged that in case of fire it can instantly be set in motion, and water is supplied both from the river, through the bottom of the boat, and from the water tanks.

Fatal Accident.

A man named THOMAS MCGINLEY, superintendent of carpenter's work on the pneumatic caisson, near Montague Ferry, Brooklyn, fell from a window in the second story to the sidewalk, on Saturday, striking his head with such violence as to cause death in about three hours.

Fire in Brooklyn.

On Saturday afternoon a fire broke out in a frame building at the corner of Nevins and Carroll streets, owned by JAMES CRAMMER, and occupied as a feed store by THOMPSON & STEVENS, and as a coal agency by GEORGE SUMMERVILLE, which was entirely consumed. A house adjoining, also owned by Mr. CRAMMER, was considerably damaged.

Mr. CRAMMER's loss is $1,800 in buildings; insured for sufficient to cover the loss in the Long Island Insurance Company. THOMPSON & STEVENS' loss is $2,000 in feed, wagons, &c., upon which there is a very small amount of insurance in the Phenix Office in Brooklyn. Mr. SUMMERVILLE's loss is $600; insured for sufficient to cover the loss in the Mechanics' and Mechanics' Office of Philadelphia. The fire is supposed to have been caused by an incendiary.

Second Judicial District.

A meeting of the members of the Bar in the Second Judicial District was held in the Law Library, Brooklyn, Saturday afternoon, to consider the necessity of an additional Supreme Court Judge in this District. Hon. JOHN SANFORD was called to the chair, and S. D. HOSMER, Esq., was appointed secretary. There was a very [illegible] attendance of the profession. The meeting responded to Mr. Judge DERRICK, for the consideration of the subject, which was agreed to, and a Committee appointed to present it to Attorney-General [illegible]

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NEWS FROM EUROPE.

OUR PARIS CORRESPONDENCE.

Preparations for the Imperial Birth.

THE CONFERENCES.

Alleged Treaty of Commerce between America and the United States.

The United States Mail Steamship *Fulton*, Capt. Worcester, arrived at this port, on Saturday morning, from Havre and Southampton, bringing London dates to the afternoon of the 19th March. We have to-day later than by the *Baltic*, but not so late, by two days, as the telegraphic intelligence from Halifax, per *Canada*.

The *Fulton* has brought but few in specie.

In the House of Commons, on the 18th inst., Sir E. B. Lytton gave notice that immediately after Easter he should call the attention of the House to the dispute between Her Majesty's Government and the Government of the United States with respect to Central America.

In reference to the Bay Islands, Mr. Crampton said he apprehended that certain islands on the coast of Central America had been annexed into a British colony under the name of the Bay Islands Colony. He wished to know, therefore, from the Colonial Secretary, whether the Queen's warrant had been issued for the creation of that colony, and if so, what was the date of that warrant, and whether it would be laid before Parliament; also, what was the time of the appointment of the presiding magistrate of the Bay Islands Colony.

Mr. LABOUCHERE said the warrant was issued March 28, 1852, and he did not objection to lay it on the table. The first magistrate was appointed in that year, and there had been one or two appointments since—very recently. The correspondence rested with the Government of Jamaica.

The *Constitutionnel* Correspondence has the following:

The typhus is committing fearful ravages at Odessa. There is not sufficient room in the hospitals. The hospital for poor is crowded.

A letter from Odessa of the 5th, informs us that Russia has assured that Government that it will not go to Paris to represent the Czar at the baptism of the infant of the Emperor, as it is [illegible] the baptism, but adds that if [illegible] there will not be any [illegible] in Paris concerning the [illegible]

It is related that when the Emperor [illegible] there will be a further ceremony in Russia.

The Vienna correspondent of the *Gazette* says:

"A person who is on [illegible] with Prince Gortschakoff [illegible] diplomatic notes to be exchanged [illegible] distant period be [illegible] the Prince Gortschakoff [illegible] the issue [illegible]

AFFAIRS IN FRANCE.

The Approaching Imperial [illegible] also to be observed on the [illegible]

The Legend [illegible]

Special Correspondence of the N. Y. Daily Times.

PARIS, Saturday, March 29, 1856.

DID EVER ANYBODY SEE TWO [illegible]

Did ever anybody see two [illegible] and be good friends, as [illegible] The [

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NEW-YORK CITY.

THE LEATHER TRADE.

[illegible]

New Trading in Hides—Where 80 is Sunny Tuesday Evening—Leather in the Process during the Day—Fairy Tales, &c.

[illegible]

The place of this traffic is doubtless familiar to [illegible] who have never crossed its precincts. Situated in the commercial part of the City, in a [illegible] frequented by no thoroughfare, it is reported by some as having only [illegible] or at most being pretty much [illegible]. The little place is the cent of [illegible] trade of New-York City, a business [illegible] larger capital and contributing [illegible] to our commercial [illegible] than is generally supposed. The firm, [illegible] includes Perry, Jacob, and parts of others, was originally a [illegible] in the family of Peck alias Perry-street, is said to derive its name from the fact that Perry Street formerly [illegible] at the point of its present junction with Gold-street.

[illegible] years ago the Sunday was occupied by [illegible] along its whole extent—when the practice was for being the back to the hides instead of carrying the hides to the back, as now. Gradually after the commencement of the present century, these [illegible] began to be removed to the Sunny of this and adjoining States, and continued gradually to diminish up to a period not more remote than twenty-five years, when only a single one remained, which is still in operation in Frankfort-street. As the tanneries were demolished, the ground was filled in and spacious leather warehouses erected on their site. Among those who inaugurated this worthy enterprise, which has been largely instrumental in carrying to this City almost a monopoly of the sole leather trade, may be mentioned the names of Moses Lee, Jacob Lorillard, and Isaac Conn, well known in their day as thrifty and successful merchants.

CAPITAL EMPLOYED.

The number of firms engaged in the wholesale leather business in this City is not far from thirty, all located in Ferry, Jacob and parts of Gold and Spruce streets. The amount of actual capital distributed among them is upwards of $6,000,000, ranging from $10,000 to $1,250,000. Unlike most other trades of trade, the yearly transactions of leather dealers are limited to about double the amount of their capital, owing to the nature of the business and the mode in which it is conducted. Hides must be paid for long before they are received back from the tanner in the form of leather, and thus an immense amount of capital is required to carry on any considerable amount of business.

UPPER LEATHER.

The different kinds of leather included under this head are manufactured almost exclusively from domestic hides, and the tanneries in which they are tanned are located in every section of the country. Boston and some of its adjacent towns, as Lynn, Salem, &c., may be said to constitute the principal focus of the traffic in this branch of the business. The upper-leather trade of this City is comparatively small, and this is one of the few articles of commerce in respect to which New-York does yield the palm to other cities of the Union. Spanish or patent leather is to be excepted, however, as it is now manufactured here in large quantities, and of superior quality, for purposes of carriage-trimming, carpet-bags, and the like. Newark is one of the principal localities for its production.

SOLE LEATHER

is chiefly made from foreign hides, and this City absorbs nearly its whole trade. New-York is the largest sole-leather market in the world, its trade in this article being double that of Antwerp, the principal leather mart of Europe, which consumes 900,000 hides annually. One special cause, doubtless, of the concentration of this branch of the business here, is that the States of New-York and Pennsylvania produce greater quantities of the material used in the manufacture of sole leather than can be found elsewhere in the United States.

IMPORT.

The yearly imports of hides for the whole country have amounted to 2,000,000, of which 1,600,000, or nearly four-fifths, are entered at this port. Most of these hides come from the provinces of the La Plata, Buenos Ayres, Orinoco, Central America and Rio Nunez, while a few are shipped from Africa and both Indies. The larger portion which arrive are dried or "dry hides," some as "green salted," and [illegible] simply as "green," or neither cured nor salted. The price of imported dry and dry salted hides varies, for the principal kinds, from 15 to 27 cents per lb. the weight of the full-sized hides averaging about 32 lbs. A single hide makes two sides of leather, each of which weighs about 17 lbs., when tanned, and is worth in the vicinity of 30 cents per lb. In addition to the consumption of foreign hides in this market, about 200,000 slaughter hides are taken off in this City and immediate vicinity, and about [illegible] brought in from other parts of the country. The largest part of these is used for the manufacture of machine-belting and mounted leather.

HORSE-BROKERS.

Until within a dozen years the dealers of the swamp purchased their stock direct from the importers, and derived their information of the supply in market mostly through the stated report so found in the public papers. During a few years past a class of "middle men" have sprung up, denominated hide brokers, at present numbering about half a dozen firms—who conduct all transactions between importers and the wholesale dealers. Upon the arrival of a cargo of hides, a precipitate rush is made by the brokers to every house in the street, and it frequently happens that the same lot is engaged in several different parties at the same time, without the knowledge of the owner. Usually, the importer employs a single broker to effect sales, and assigns the general business connected with the consignment. The commission allowed for selling is from a quarter to a half per cent. The swamp dealer, therefore, is relieved, to a considerable extent, from the labor and vexation (incident to most other kinds of mercantile business) of running from office to port and scanning the whole market, in order to make judicious purchases. Reclining in his office arm-chair, he can learn the prices current from the weekly circulars of brokers, and buy all the hides he wants without leaving his seat.

LEATHER-DEALERS' PAPER.

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TANNING.

Within the last forty or fifty years very considerable improvements have been introduced in the process of tanning, over the old mode which had probably existed with little or no change for hundreds of years. Less than half a century ago, by the system of tanning then in vogue, 100 lbs. of good dry Slink hides only produced from 120 to 140 lbs. of leather. Now the same quantity of the former is made to yield from 140 to 170 lbs., of a still better quality. Thus the gain in quantity alone is more than 50 per cent without additional expense, while the time occupied in tanning is at present from five to eight months, a reduction of fully one-half. The vegetable substance employed in manufacturing leather is known as tannic or tannic acid, and has a strong affinity for the gelatine of the hides, with which it unites to nearly equal parts. Tannic acid is an astringent juice found in large quantities in the bark of the oak and hemlock.

The process of tanning is simply this: The hides are first relieved from the hair and other extraneous matter, by a treatment called sweating, or sweating, and are then deposited in vats, and subjected to the action of the tannic liquid for a period of five to six months. During this time the strength of the liquid requires to be gradually increased, until the hide is finally converted into leather. It is then taken out to dry, and afterwards put under the rolling-machine, to give it a smooth and agreeable appearance, for the chemical action which takes place, the tannic acid slowly penetrates the fibrous texture of the hide, and, by the laws of affinity, unites in the [illegible]

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[illegible] being but one or three young girls among the number. The [illegible] Yet, for all this array of blushed and [illegible] dames had all been young, and their little prattling—sunny-brown, cherry-lipped, laughing children, doubtless, the pride of parents, who, long years ago, were looking forward to a season in the dim future when their daughters would stand around the ready manufacturing representatives of beauty, purity and power! But, they had fallen! In an evil hour the tempter came, and innocence bent a tearful eye upon the victims as her white, chaste wings opened for an eternal flight!

Those hard-featured men, too, were once prattling boys, and hope grew strong in the father's heart, and a fond pride swelled the mother's bosom, as they dreamed, in the days of yore, of lives of usefulness and honor in store for their then baby sons!

The gray hairs of many of these parents have been brought down in sorrow to the grave, by the conduct of their offspring—that offspring who now are about being pounded at the bar of justice, for petty crimes and offences, many of which could, undoubtedly, be traced to the fatal remissness of those very parents in the discipline necessary to insure happiness to the family circle.

Yes; such scenes are bad ones, and although, perhaps, inseparable from the destiny of all densely populated places, yet the words of some poet or other were continually intruding themselves during the session:

"Happy the city where their sons,
Like pillars round a palace set;
And daughters, bright as polished stones,
Add strength and beauty to the State."

The motley half-a-hundred prisoners awaiting the Recorder's action did not much resemble either the pillars of a palatial edifice, or the Kohl-noors of a well-regulated community!

The reflection was somewhat humiliating; but such has been the course of weak humanity ever since grandmother Eve first went astray.

"Put Edward at the bar," exclaimed Mr. Sparkes, the deputy clerk.

A rather intelligent looking lad made his appearance.

"Buckley, you are charged with stealing newspapers to the value of twenty-seven cents. Are you guilty or not guilty?"

"Not guilty," whimpered the youngster.

The complainant, a larger boy, was called and sworn. He deposed to the fact that while he, the witness, was folding papers, on a recent morning, he detected Edward in the act of appropriating sundry copies of the *Atlas*, *Courier*, and *Irish American*.

"Well, Buckley, what have you got to say to this?" questioned the Recorder, sternly.

"I did not take them, Sir!" was the whining response.

"Now, don't you tell me a lie. It will only make the matter worse for you! Where do you live?"

"Home with my parents."

"He sleeps in a lodging-house!" interrupted the complainant.

"I only sleep there Saturday nights."

"Edward!" remarked Recorder S., "I fear you are a bad boy. You seem in the habit of staying out nights! Your stealing these papers may be your first step in actual crime; but such conduct will certainly lead you, finally, to the State Prison. I believe you guilty, and it will be so recorded. But take warning by this—you have had a narrow escape. I shall let you go this time, judgment suspended. Never be brought here again, or you will plead in vain for mercy! Go."

A very black fellow, named Joseph Mitchell, took three months on the Island, with little ceremony, for stealing $7 worth of pennies from a drawer, and a dilapidated old lady was furnished with a home for thirty days at the same institution, for the theft of a wash-tub. She did not wish to go, but Justice was inexorable.

Another black, who gave his name as Henry Moore, did not like to have his wife attend protracted meetings, and accordingly threatened to sever her jugular with a razor if she did not stay home and mind the family. "He is a bad fellow, ain't he?" queried the Magistrate—"gets drunk, and don't support you?" The wife gave Henry a tolerably fair character, and had evidently relented so far as to request the release of her impulsive Moore.

"Moore!" said the Judge, "I ought to send you up! You are somewhat dangerous to be left to run at large, but your wife is willing to forgive you. I find you guilty, and shall let you go this time. Judgment suspended. If you are brought here again, I shall give you the whole extent of the law." Upon which the twain walked off lovingly together. The lady, however, must be careful how far her meetings are protracted in future, or the man may get blood in his eye again.

Bridget Smith, an antiquated beauty, who appeared at the bar with an old plaid shawl over her head in lieu of a bonnet, took three months in the Penitentiary, for an assault on Catherine Brady.

A boy named Lawrence Cook stole a picture.

"You have been here before, I guess?" the Recorder observed.

"No, Sir!" asseverated the snivelling culprit—"or, if I have, let me go *this time*, and I never will do so again!"

"Can't believe you—I shall send you to Blackwell's Island for three months." And poor Lawrence found his dish cooked in short order.

John Soule, a rather respectable-looking man, was called to answer for an assault upon his wife, Sarah. Mrs. Soule, whose appearance was much in her favor, came upon the stand with a sad discoloration under one of her eyes. She testified plainly to the brutal act, and stated that the bruised eye was a portion of the assault.

"Have you any children, Mrs. Soule?" asked Recorder S., kindly.

"Yes, Sir; six."

"Does your husband do any thing for your support?"

"Judge, he is almost always in liquor; I can support myself better without him than with him."

"John Soule!" said the magistrate, "you have been here before, and I have no feeling for husbands who are guilty of such unmanly practices. For the sake of your wife and children, I shall send you up for six months. You will learn to beware of liquor in that time, I hope!"

So John Soule traveled over the bridge of sighs, that peace might reign among the Soules in his family.

Ann Hiller, a neatly-dressed young girl, came up to the bar weeping bitterly. She pleaded guilty to the theft of a dress and other articles, valued at $22. Some one made a whispered appeal in her favor, and she was sent back to the charge of the matron, Mrs. Fearns, until further inquiry could be made.

John Brown was accused of stealing a cloak from Mary Harrigan. John rather felt inclined to deny the charge.

"Is there any person here to give you a character?" was the official query. Mr. Brown looked around, scrutinizingly, but was finally forced to ejaculate "No!"

"I suppose not. That's something you lost a good while ago! I sentence you to the Penitentiary for three months." That unfortunate cloak had done John Brown!

Peter Brennan had made an assault upon a young lady, and blacked her eye. Mr. Brennan craved the privilege of proving his good character.

"I don't care a particle how much character you prove, so long as the complainant carries that mark upon her face! Are your witnesses here?"

"No, your Honor!"

"Well, you may go back to prison until you can find them."

Three very young boys were charged with stealing a watch valued at $3.

"Are you guilty or not guilty?" asked the Clerk.

"Oh Sir, we are guilty!" sobbed the largest.

"What! all of you?"

"Yes Sir! all of us!" and a terrible crying spell was indulged in by the trio.

"I sin't guilty!" gasped the smallest chap hysterically. "I didn't have any watch!"

"Who did, boys?" was the magisterial inquiry.

"That young 'un what says he sin't guilty!" blubbered the first who had confessed.

"Oh! Oh! O-O-OOh! we'll never do so any more! Let us go *this time!* do Sir! Oh! Hoo!"

There were two middle-aged females standing behind the juvenile delinquents.

"Women! are you the mothers of these boys?" Was the question from the Bench.

There was a nodded assent given.

"Well, where were you?"

"The school house to get it, Judge."

"You do not take proper care of your children, and I ought to send them to the House of Refuge. It would probably keep them from the State Prison. But go, now, all of you, and, as sure as they are brought before me again, I will put them where they will be kept out of the streets, and from stealing too."

A gleam of sunshine went over the faces of the little rogues, and they vanished instanter. It was, however, a premature sunshine.

Michael White pleaded guilty to stealing an overcoat. He went up for six months.

James Ryan, a light, very light mulatto, and a regular, thorough-bred, old fashioned, nigger-hater, was charged with assaulting Mr. Gardner, a colored man, and with breaking his head. Ryan, it appeared, had been drinking, and was, when sober, a peaceable fellow. The testimony showed that the complainant was a quiet, inoffensive man, and that the assault was made without provocation. Ryan, it appeared, was a native of Virginia, and had lived in this City but a few months. He was evidently a fine specimen of the chivalry, and had, doubtless, imbibed his prejudices against the race with his mother's milk. He was sent up for six months, to cool his chivalric blood.

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[illegible] Ann Osborne, a dumpy but rather fastidiously attired female, and James Grapsey, were placed on trial for an assault with a knife upon Ellen something, as a surname.

According to the testimony, the place was a low saloon, frequented by Blacks and Tories, and kept by a negro named Henry Sawyer, it being the resort of the dissolute and depraved of both sexes and all colors. Ellen, whose complexion was not without taint, exhibited the staff in her arm, and seemed to tell a straightforward story.

A rowdy for the house, named Green, however, testified that Ellen came there from the Five Points, drunk, and that he himself put her out of doors, and that no knife was used at all. Green said he had lived there three years, and various other witnesses were called to substantiate the runner's version, among whom were several of the Grapseys, their siding, and the landlord, Beverly, himself. Recorder S., nevertheless, seemed inclined to place the most reliance upon Ellen's testimony, and, accordingly, gave the two prisoners three months each. "There is some excuse for a female when she revile its one of those disorderly haunts," remarked he; "the place where, perhaps, she first was tempted from the paths of rectitude—her reputation is destroyed, and she cannot find shelter in decent quarters. But for a young man, like this Green, voluntarily to remain as a runner, in a hole of this description, for three years, there can be no excuse, and I shall believe the complainant in preference to the runner. Take the woman Osborne and Grapsey away."

James Hinds had a severe lecture read him, for an assault upon his own father.

"You are, undoubtedly, a very bad boy," observed the Judge. "Such offences are seldom heard of, and a continuance in a course of this kind will lead you to the gallows. I shall dismiss you to-day. Judgment suspended. But I warn you against a repetition of the offence. If you come here again, the Court will show you no mercy!"

Another father complained of his son, aged 17, as being incorrigible, and refusing to stay at home. This fellow was let off with a similar admonition.

Rosanna Keefe was complained of by her husband for following him, and striking him in the street. It was a painful tale of domestic infelicity, where both parties were, probably, blameable.

Mrs. Keefe appeared at the bar with an infant in her arms. She was dressed plainly, but neatly, and the testimony went to show that the parties had not resided together for some time. The husband had applied for a divorce, which he failed to secure, but was mulcted in the costs of the suit, and likewise ordered to secure to the wife $3 per week for the support of herself and three children.

The Judge very emphatically informed each of them what their respective duties towards each other, and then dismissed Rosanna. Judgment suspended.

The scene of crimination and recrimination which had previously ensued, was, however, anything but pleasant to the parties themselves, as was apparent from the strong language made use of on both sides. It was another of the send-weekly episodes in

[THE POOR FOLKS' COURT.]

Highly Important Decision.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT—March 28.

Before Judge Betts.

The following decision was rendered this morning upon the question whether the United States can now enforce judgments obtained in their favor against parties who afterwards took the benefit of the Bankrupt Act of 1841, under which the United States received their share of the various assets. The decision will be of great interest to many parties. Mr. McKeon stated in Court that 200 executions had been issued upon such judgments, all of which will be practically set aside by this decision.

BANKRUPT ACT OF 1841—EXECUTION BAR.

The United States vs. *Augustus Forrest.*—On the 7th of July, 1840, the 4th of August, 1840, the 14 of September, 1840, 7th of October, 1840, 9th of November, 1840, 1st of December, 1840, and 4th of January, 1841, various judgments, amounting in all to $[illegible], were taken in this Court in favor of the United States against the defendant, on bonds executed by him to secure the payment of duties then which had accrued upon importations of merchandise into this port. Executions of fieri facias had been issued on the footing of the several judgments, and returned by the Marshal unsatisfied.

On the 3d day of August, 1840, the defendant was duly declared a bankrupt, and received his certificate of discharge therefrom, pursuant to the provisions of the Bankrupt Act, approved August 19, 1841.

On the 23d of June, 1843, the plaintiff, through the United States Attorney of this District filed proof of debt in their behalf, consisting of the above twenty-three judgments.

On the 15 of November, 1843, the plaintiff caused alias writs of fieri facias to be issued on these judgments and to be delivered to the Marshal of this District, who proceeded to make a levy thereof and seize the property of the defendant. Thereupon the defendant moved to the Court for an order to set aside the executions and proceedings or for a perpetual stay thereof.

This motion was brought to final hearing at the present term.

The discussion of principles embraced in the application, and of the authorities quoted by the respective parties on the argument, will not be more detailed examination than can be condensed into a few words in writing. The present decision will accordingly set forth no more than the general conclusions to which the Court has arrived, upon considerations of the main points in controversy.

1. The Court can regularly and properly take cognizance of this application, and grant relief, if there is a sufficient cause made for it. In many Courts of the Union, the proceeding by motion exists as a practice, and there is ground at least for doubt whether such a step, being as active when the proceeding and effect of a regular suit, can be maintained against the United States on the principles which govern the admissibility of suits for debt, or of a direct process to receive judgment in damages, or by injunction against the party concerned.

2. The United States, when suitors in their own Courts, seeking to enforce demands against individuals, by means of the machinery of Courts of Justice, are subject to the same rules of defense and limitation of remedies as any private suitor, in similar cases, may avail himself of examples of privileges by positive law, or indirect by establishing a precedent in governmental assumption in their own behalf. The advantage they possess over individual creditors in celerity of process, or priority of payment against their common debtors for the recovery of debts, does not rest in prerogative, but is derived from statutory enactments alone.

3. The exceptional instances in which it has been held by the United States Courts, that the Government is not bound by statutes of limitation, unless expressly named in them, establish no general principle subversive of prerogative of exemption from the operation of bankrupt or insolvent laws—the decisions not having been made to impute to laws of the United States, but to State statutes which become applicable only as rules of decision in the national Courts.

4. The judgments and executions now sought to be enforced by the United States represent amounts of duties which had accrued on importations of merchandise into this port, and remained unsettled to the expiration of the time limited by law in the Government, without legislation to constitute these causes of action debts or to compel the payment of duties. They become debts, and are collectable by process of law, solely by force of statutes. Natural reason would indicate that the legislative power is also competent to her to compulsion the debt and the means of enforcing it, without naming or referring to the Government in the act. A debt simply as such to the Government for the purchase of property or on obligations of mortgaging, communicates no privilege superior to what individual creditors possess. It cannot cement and fortify its claim by a judgment without the sanction of a written warrant of law therefor; and there is strong parity of moral reason for holding that the Government cannot, without a special reservation by statute, set up a claim to judgments as substantially in its favor, which it has by law made void or inoperative by a general enactment.

5. But the American cases, and even those in England, which assume an implied prerogative in the Sovereign not to be barred by insolvent laws or statutes of limitation when such named therein, concede that the intention of the Legislature, that such laws shall also embrace the Government, may be implied, and is to be ascertained and determined by the ordinary rules for the construction of statutes.

6. The presumption from the provisions of the Bankrupt Act of Aug. 19, 1841, and from facts preceding and contemporaneous in the history of its enactment, is that Congress—in the Senate and House, and the acts of the Government after it went into operation, is conclusively favorable that the intention of the enactment was that it should operate alike upon debts due the United States and individuals.

7. The amount of indebtedness pressing upon the community at the period was considerable in this District alone the sum involved in the Bankrupt Court and affected by the act, as appears by the files of Court, was $120,520,418.

8. The United States in its fiscal dealings was brought to know the general pressure and embarrassment through out the community, especially that of their particular debtors.

During the years 1838, 1839, 1840, and to August, 1841, the Government had instituted in this District 3,168 actions upon Custom-House bonds.

In the same period judgments had been rendered in similar cases for duties unpaid at the maturity of the bonds to the sum of $[illegible], besides costs.

9. The Bankrupt Act declared the certificate and discharge of the bankrupt, when duly granted, shall in all courts of justice be deemed a full and complete discharge of all debts, contracts and other engagements of such bankrupt which are provable under the act, and provided for a ratable distribution of his assets among his creditors, reserving a priority or preference to the United States and reserving who have paid the bankrupt's debts to the United States as his surety out of the assets held by his creditors.

10. In the prior bankrupt act approved April 4, 1800, it was expressly enacted that the provisions should not extend to any debt or right of the United States, money due to the United States. That clause is omitted in the amendment of the body of the act, and is in the Act of 1841.

11. The debts, upon the bankruptcy of the defendant, were provable under the bankruptcy act of the Government, and were so proved by the U. S. Attorney, as appears by the files of the Court, and the amount and character of the debts and proofs in the manner specified in the act.

12. These debts were proved by the U. S. Attorney, as appears by the files of the Court, and the amount and character of the debts and proofs in the manner specified in the act.

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The New-York Daily Times

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[illegible] Senate Committee on Railroads, and referred to the Committee of the Whole, on the ground [illegible] of the former Committee [illegible] The resolution directing the Committee appointed to examine [illegible] System of this City to report forthwith, was called up and adopted.

Impeachment of Judge Kane.

[illegible] Pennsylvania Convention of the contending Democratic and Republican parties, which, [illegible] harmonious and satisfactory [illegible] and the nomination of a sound State [illegible] just adjourned, a resolution among [illegible] was introduced censuring Judge KANE [illegible] to resign to PASSMORE WILLIAMSON [illegible] and calling for his impeachment. The [illegible] was voted down by an emphatic majority; [illegible] names only are recorded in [illegible] of the adoption, while the whole body of [illegible] frowned against it.

[illegible] to be regretted that such result in[illegible] the application of the meeting for the [illegible] was unauthorized. Perhaps no individual [illegible] which body would have spared even [illegible] denunciation of his un[illegible] conduct, had the subject been under [illegible] discussion; but to make it the staple of [illegible] in a party Convention, to introduce [illegible] to discuss the counsels of a new [illegible], the whole prosperity of which de[illegible] with painful nicety upon adherence to a [illegible] and a refusal to be deviated or de[illegible] from it, and it alone, was in the eyes [illegible] in the last degree dangerous [illegible] The business of the year, as [illegible] on the Republican programme, is such [illegible] of the State and Federal Gov[illegible] as shall bring them back to their [illegible] equilibrium. The vote is to be upon [illegible] to be available for this labor. No known mode of balloting could express, unless by [illegible], the universal sense of the people [illegible] the culpability or innocence of a judicial officer of the general Government; or decide [illegible] the propriety of subjecting him to the ordeal of a [illegible] trial. Hence the importance of [illegible] and hence its instant repression. [illegible] that moderate, though not infirm, [illegible] purpose, with which the canvass [illegible] opened by the popular party at the North. To repel aggression, not to assail; to restore what has been stolen, but not to destroy nor gain the property of another, is the sole object of the [illegible] war upon which the Pennsylvania Convention is the first to enter; and any vindictive measure like that suggested by the less [illegible] minority could only be foreign and [illegible]. If the example be duly followed, [illegible] is every indication that it will be, by the National Convention in June, at Philadelphia, a platform will be laid before the country [illegible] broad enough for every honest disapprover of the repeal of the Missouri Compromise to stand upon.

In thus applauding the exclusion of judicial [illegible] from the discussions of a partisan [illegible], we are very far from asserting that Judge KANE has not exposed himself to and [illegible] merited the penalties of impeachment. [illegible] we, in fact, any doubts about the matter, or [illegible] that his extraordinary ruling might, after all, be sound and sustainable, we should [illegible] strongly disposed to remove or confirm such doubts and suspicions by the test of a trial. The purity of the Bench should never be open to question. Justice is worthless, unless it addresses itself to the calm, common sense of the community as such. It is not enough for Judge KANE to be upright, if the world believes him wrong; he should either receive that higher sanction that shall produce popular acquiescence, or else be removed from a position in which he only remains to annihilate social confidence in the integrity and validity of judicial decisions. Immunity from suspicion is as essential to a Judge as to CESAR's wife. If he fail of it, and if, on the contrary, the doubts of his fairness are general and loud-spoken, the individual should be sacrificed, in order that the office remain immaculate. Judge KANE has certainly signalized himself as much by his recent assumptions of power, as by evidences of violent partiality. Beyond the incidents of the Williamson prosecution, familiar to all readers of the Times, and pronounced, by some of the [illegible] law-learning of the country, extraordinary and unjustifiable, he has recently startled [illegible] practitioners at the bar, by claiming to [illegible] issues of fact raised before his Court, to be tried down proper, without the assistance of a Jury. This innovation is the most radical of any recorded in the annals of the common law. If a shadow of precedent be found for it, it must be extracted from the musty and forgotten records of our State Chamber and High Commission Court, at the period when they were in their zenith of usurpation. Not certainly, in the whole history of Anglo-Saxon law, more [illegible] than in this instance, was a case to be found where the right to have the facts in[illegible]

[illegible] determined by a jury, was denied, or [illegible] accepted by the bench. The only approach to it is in that "Law Commission Court," established by the Fugitive Act, where the Commissioner passes alike upon fact and law. Possibly, in his disheartening expectations, Judge KANE has mined the idea thence.

These suspicions, and those suspicions of gross and malignant partisanship, equally demand investigation; and, if no other path lead to it, let it be through impeachment. It must not be forgotten, however, that the United States Senate is practically the Court before which the allegations must be tried; a Court strongly prejudiced by its Pro-Slavery predilections to favor a defendant whose imputed faults have inured to the advantage of Slave Institutions. To such a jurisdiction the prosecutors might except; and yet there only can the case be tried, since the Constitution provides no other tribunal. Whether a patient waiting upon the future will be likely to change the character of the Court, the decision in regard to Kansas, now pending in the Senate, may help us to determine. We cannot do better, in the meantime, than to omit the subject from political agitation; only making sure that if the opportunity present itself, the right man will be in power to bring the conduct of Judge KANE to an impartial investigation.

Emigrant Passenger Laws.

The attention of the various European Governments, as well as those of the United States, has been directed with more or less earnestness, for over forty years, to the necessity of ameliorating the condition of Emigrants who have been conveyed by passenger ships to and from the two Continents; but it has required the experience of that long period to perfect legislation upon the subject. During the first quarter of the present century—indeed until within about ten years—the influence of shipowners was so entirely enlisted in behalf of a selfish, murderous system of transport, and they possessed so exclusively the access to the ear of men in authority, that it was with the greatest difficulty, and in opposition, frequently, to nearly insurmountable obstacles, that any interference with their interests could be effected. Fortunately, a few years ago, a simultaneous movement began among benevolent commercial men—including even some unusually disinterested owners of emigrant vessels—in England, France and the United States, for the benefit of the poor passenger, and various individuals undertook to investigate and apply a remedy to the gross abuses which had caused such vast numbers of persons to be swept into the grave, during the few short weeks of transit across the ocean. The results of their efforts, aided greatly in this country by the present Secretary of the Treasury, has been a gradual advancement to the existing laws on the subject, which are nearly as perfect, in most respects, as the case requires.

The first act of Congress, regulating passenger ships and vessels owned in the United States, was passed on the 24 March, 1819. Its provisions were confined to a meagre enactment concerning the quantity of water and provisions to be carried on board, and to prohibiting a greater number of passengers from being taken than two for every five tons of such ship or vessel. This act remained in force until 1847, when, for the first time, a law was made regulating the amount of space, on board of vessels, which should be dedicated to passengers. It was approved on the 22d February of the latter year, and enacted that fourteen clear superficial feet of deck should be allotted to each passenger on vessels passing outside the tropics, and twenty feet on vessels within the tropics. No requirement, however, was made in this law with regard to the distance between decks, in consequence of which omission a bill was introduced into Congress the following year, which passed and became a law on the 17th May, 1848, enacting that when the height or distance between the decks of vessels should be less than six and not less than five feet, sixteen instead of fourteen clear superficial feet of deck should be allowed to each passenger, and that if the distance were less than five feet, twenty-two such clear superficial feet should be allotted. The same law made provision, for the first time, for a somewhat improved ventilation of the miserable prisons in which passengers had been previously confined.

After the passage of the law of 1848, and a supplementary extension of its provisions the following year, it was believed that no further legislation would be requisite, and shipowners confidently asserted that all had been done which was possible, under any circumstances, for the benefit of emigrants. This was soon perceived to be a delusion. The mortality among passengers in the steerage certainly decreased, but it was soon found to be altogether greater than had been supposed. A want of proportion was observed between the number of passengers and the tonnage of the vessel, even when the literal requirements of the law were fulfilled, and one of the largest shipowners in the country declared also that so small a space as five feet between the decks of vessels ought never to be permitted, and could not be compensated for by an additional number of superficial feet of deck. The consequence of these complaints was a renewed investigation of the subject, at the instance of the Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. GUTHRIE, and the introduction of a bill into the Senate by Senator FISH, of this State, which is the sum of legislation, up to the present time, concerning the carriage of passengers. It was approved by the President on the 3d of March, 1855, and the table, with which we have been furnished below, abundantly demonstrates its results.

Mr. FISH's bill provides that no American vessel shall convey a greater number of passengers than in proportion of one to every two tons of such vessel; that on the main and poop decks, or platforms, and in the deck-houses of ships, not more than one passenger for each sixteen clear superficial feet of deck, and on the lower deck eighteen such clear superficial feet shall be allotted; but, also, that "no passenger shall be carried upon any deck or platform, where the height or distance is less than six feet." This last clause is the prominent feature of the act, however, as most all previous enactments; although elaborate and numerous regulations are made with respect to ventilation, provisions and the security of the emigrants. It fixes a maximum number of passengers, by restricting their number to the proportion of one to every two tons of the vessel's measurement, so that, though it may afford clear space, of the dimensions indicated, for a greater number than she is permitted to carry, they may not be used without violation of the law.

The following tables give the mortality on board of all vessels arriving at this port during the last year of the operation of the law of 1847-8, as compared with the same for six months under the law of last year, which went into operation on the 1st June last:

1854.	No. of Vessels arr'd.	Passengers.	Deaths. Adults.	Deaths. Infants.
August	51	12,192	11	31
September	60	15,708	20	36
October	120	28,171	219	271
November	49	15,142	192	199
December	99	19,920	168	198
1855.				
January	84	4,721	9	47
February	33	3,098	14	27
March	16	2,169	4	4
April	21	7,971	6	8
And up to Aug. 1	55	27,000	21	109
Totals	519	137,517	753	1,150

Average number of passengers in each vessel....264
Average number of deaths in each vessel, nearly 3¾

New Law went into effect May 3.	Number of Vessels.	Number of Passengers.	Deaths. Adults.	Deaths. Infants.
To Aug. 1	61	11,693	3	20
August	53	9,784	2	16
September	51	12,209	22	19
October	59	9,063	7	16
November	31	5,025	1	5
December	44	9,037	12	39
Totals	245	55,811	47	115
				62
Total deaths				177

Average number of passengers in each vessel....264
Average number of deaths to each vessel less than 1.

It is to be observed that although the decrease of mortality under the new law is here shown to be but one to three and a half of the old law, vessels are included in the latter table on board of which numbers died of Cholera, thereby increasing the average of death of the whole number of vessels. If the great number of infants is considered, many of them in a sickly state, who are brought to this country by their parents; and also the abject poverty and helplessness of many emigrants, the present sanitary provisions on board of American ships must be considered highly satisfactory, and those persevering individuals who have brought our legislation to its present state deserve gratitude for their success.

Imperial Babies.

A dilapidated looking gentleman, with a Robert Macaireish style of manners and costume, introduced himself to us the other day, with the rather startling announcement that he was NAPOLEON II., son of the great Emperor, and born Count of Paris, King of Rome and Duke of Reichstadt. After announcing his titles and illustrious descent, he modestly requested the loan of even so trifling a sum as a shilling. It was clearly a case of undisguised distress, and, if we had not seen the young Dauphin of France, the unhappy offspring of MARIE ANTOINETTE, who, according to the best authorities, had died in his boyhood, from the harsh treatment of his inhuman jailers, reappear here in the person of a pretty and priestly half-bred Indian, we might have been surprised at this apparition of the dead son of the great NAPOLEON, whose end was hardly less melancholy than that of the wretched LOUIS XVII. It happened, oddly enough, that the ragged apparition of the King of Rome appeared to us while we were engaged in reading the long accounts of the splendid preparations which have been made in Paris for the birth of the expected heir of LOUIS NAPOLEON, which we publish in another column, and we could not help thinking that, judging from the fate of the heirs to the French throne since the death of LOUIS the XVI., nothing was more probable than that the young prince, whose birth is to be hailed with such magnificent demonstrations of joy, whose baby-clothes fill long suites of splendid apartments, and attract crowds of curious gazers, who look upon the delicate fabrics that are to cover the limbs of the imperial infant with wondering awe, and to furnish whose needless ornaments and worthless trappings thousands of laboring poor must suffer hunger and shiver with cold—nothing is more likely to happen than that the imperial babe, whose birth is thus anticipated, will, by-and-by, be a tattered beggar, soliciting charity in a foreign country. LOUIS XVI., whose birth caused hardly less excitement than the expected heir of the present occupant of the French throne, perished on the scaffold; his heir died the most miserable of deaths in prison; his successor, CHARLES X., died in exile; HENRY V. is an exile from France; LOUIS PHILIPPE died in exile; his heir came to a violent end, and the COUNT DE PARIS is in banishment; and even the great NAPOLEON himself fretted his life away on the desert rock of St. Helena. It can hardly be possible that the present Emperor, as he recalls to mind the fate of his predecessors, and the heir to the throne he seems now to be so firmly seated upon, can hope that his heir will have a happier destiny than any of the royal unfortunates whose birth was hailed with demonstrations of joy and gladness.

The poor creature who claimed to be the son of NAPOLEON, and humbly solicited the loan of a shilling, was evidently a lunatic; but he might have been what he claimed to be without exciting any wonder. It is but a very few years since the present Emperor of France was himself a fugitive in this City, dependent upon the charity of his friends, and his offspring will be more likely to seek a home in the New World than to perpetuate the Napoleonic dynasty in France. There is small reason for rejoicing at the birth of an imperial infant in France.

☞ The Republicans of Albany have nominated VINCENT THE PECK as their candidate for Mayor, and S. H. H. PARSONS for Recorder.

Resignation of the Chief of Police.

The *Atlas* learns, on what the editor considers good authority, "that although MATSELL has been acquitted upon the charges of a message by the Commissioners of Police, the Mayor has his resignation in his pocket, and should, before the designs will be proved to the public."

Amusements.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—Mr. ARDITI's opera of the "Spy" will be repeated tonight for the benefit of the composer. The season will close with this present week.

BROADWAY THEATRE.—A novel, and, we suppose, a very entertaining, series of performances will commence here to-night under the direction of M. LOUIS KEIZIN, called "Tableaux Représentant le Religieux." The object of these tableaux is to give a physical illustration of many famous events, religious and mythological. Twenty-seven artists assist Mr. KEIZIN.

LAURA KEENE'S VARIETIES.—"Camille" has proved a genuine success, thanks to the acting of Mr. JOSHUA and Miss LAURA KEENE. It will be played every night this week, together with the extravagance of "Novality."

BURTON'S THEATRE.—These great places for seeing Burton to-night—"Paul Pry," "That Blessed Baby," and "Catarina, or the Slave of Love."

WALLACK'S THEATRE.—Mr. WALLACK repeats his performance of Jaques to-night in Shakspeare's "As You Like It." "Our Fur a Holiday," is the afterpiece.

BARNUM'S MUSEUM.—The great spectacle of "Atlantis" has met with the success it deserves, and nightly attracts large crowds. It will continue its prosperous career until further notice, and we recommend our readers to see it.

THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF DESIGN, it must not be forgotten is now open; also, the Dusseldorf Gallery, and several Panoramas; also, the Egyptian Museum. These appeal to cultivated tastes, and should be sustained.

Mr. GOTTSCHALK gives his twelfth *soirée* on Saturday evening next.

There will be no performances at Niblo's Garden to-night, on account of the death of Mlle. PAULINE GRETZ, whose funeral takes place to-day.

Musical and Dramatic Matters.

Mr. ARDITI, the composer of "La Spia"—an excellent musician and an amiable man—takes his benefit to-night at the Academy of Music. The "Spy" will be played for the fourth time. On such an occasion the geniality of our cultivated citizens may well indulge itself. Composers are not very plentiful here, and they should certainly be appreciated in the right spirit. Mr. ARDITI has succeeded in writing an agreeable opera, on an Attractive subject, and is entitled to much praise for the perfect way in which he has completed his task. All the details of the "Spy" are admirable, and evince thorough musicianship. There are several gems in the opera, which never fail to delight the audience. These circumstances should give to the opera and its composer much popularity, and we hope that the attendance of to-night will prove to Mr. ARDITI that he is esteemed in the right spirit....A valuable decision has recently been made in London. A gentleman, with three ladies under his charge, (outrageous monopolist,) purchased tickets for the dress circle of Drury-lane Theatre, but found, when too late, that the house was densely crowded. He spoke to the usher, but that functionary was unable to assist him—so the gentleman called a cab, and returned home with his three precious charges. The next morning he "had up" the lessee of Drury-lane for selling tickets when there was no longer any room in the house. The magistrate very properly returned a verdict for the full amount of the admissions, and for cab fares of the party going to and returning from the theatre. Wholesome example that. It might be intended on this side of the Atlantic with advantage....W. V. WALLACE, the composer, will return to New-York in June. He has two completed operas in his portfolio, one of which will be produced in London next fall. Why don't Mr. WALLACE turn his attention to the establishment of English Opera in New-York?....MAPES and BOWMAN's Matinée on Tuesday attracted an extremely crowded and attentive audience. The programme contained a Quartette by HAYDN, (No. 62,) a Trio by SCHUMANN, Quintette by MERMET-MOORE, and a Solo by WILLIAM MASON, (Chopin's Impromptu.) The execution of this difficult selection was generally good, although in some points it was scarcely up to the high standard of the preceding Matinée. The Trio by SCHUMANN, is a delightful composition, but somewhat too lengthy.....Miss EMILY TROTER, Mr. TROTER, and Mr. LEFFINGWELL—all late of BURTON's Theatre—have rebelled and erected themselves into an independent confederation. They are "starring it." Why don't the scene-shifters and supes star it?....The American Music Association announces its second *soirée* for Thursday next, April 5, to come off in the lecture room of the Stuyvesant Institute, No. 659 Broadway. A quintette for stringed instruments, by C. HOHMANN, will be the principal feature of the entertainment. Mrs. BERNKNEGGER, Miss ANNIE KEMP, Mr. T. F. BASSFORD, and other artists, will assist in other departments. Mrs. BERNKNEGGER will sing a new song, written expressly for her by GOTTSCHALK.....The unfortunate girl, Miss GRETZ, whose clothes caught fire whilst in the dressing-room of Niblo's Theatre, died on Saturday, after much suffering....Signor PICCO, the musical phenomenon, whose performances on a little shepherd's pipe similar to a child's penny whistle, have recently excited so much surprise and admiration in Paris, gave a concert at the Hanover-square Rooms, London, on the 8th. His performance is described as extraordinary. The instrument on which he plays is not above three inches long, has only three holes, and is literally what is described to be a mere child's toy. With this rude instrument he produces a chromatic scale, and can play the most difficult passages with as much facility as a violinist. PICCO is a young Italian peasant, the son of a Sardinian shepherd, blind from youth, and like most blind people passionately fond of music. The programme of the concert reads very funnily at this distance. It opened with BEETHOVEN's symphony in C; then a solo on the penny whistle!....A new comedy in three acts, called "The Evil Genius," has been produced with success at the Haymarket Theatre. It is from the pen of Mr. BAYLE BERNARD....Miss EMMONS gave an excellent concert on Saturday evening. Niblo's Saloon was very well filled, and we presume the fair and talented beneficiaire was satisfied and rewarded....Mr. GYE intends carrying on the opera season in London, notwithstanding the destruction of Covent Garden Theatre. He will try to get Drury Lane, or failing in that, the Lyceum....The third Sunday evening Concert came off last night in the City Assembly Rooms. We were glad to notice an increased attendance, and hope that it augurs the entire success of these very excellent entertainments. The Concert commenced with a recent work of ROBERT SCHUMANN's, a grand symphony in D minor, (No. 4,) remarkable for eccentric construction, and great violence of musical idea. It is impossible to appreciate anything more than the mere vigor of this work on a single hearing. It is eminently dramatic, and means something, if one could only find out what that something is. The movements are remarkable. There is an introduction, in what we must irreverently call the *entr'acte* style, ending in a brilliant but spasmodic allegro. The instrumentalists take breath after the performance of this section of the symphony. They do not have another chance, for the three subsequent movements are dove-tailed into each other. The work is remarkable for vigor, but the innumerable suspensions which occur make it halt in a curious way. We should like to hear this symphony again, and trust that, as it is entirely new to an American audience, it will be repeated. It was very nicely played by the orchestra, (which has been considerably strengthened,) and was warmly applauded. There were several other items of interest in the programme; for instance, BEETHOVEN's *Andante* and variations from the Septett op. 20—a charming extract; the overture to "Fingal's Cave" by MENDELSSOHN; the grand march from WAGNER's "Tannhauser" deservedly encored; and a new overture written by the able conductor, Mr. BERGMANN. The latter is an effective bit of orchestral writing, winding up with the Marseillaise Hymn. All these instrumental works were performed with ability. Miss EMMONS was the vocalist of the evening, and received an encore in Flotow's song of the "Wanderer." In such compositions Miss EMMONS is perfectly enjoyable, but her ambition frequently leads her into a field which she cannot tread with safety. These Sunday concerts are so pure and excellent that they should be cheerfully encouraged. They are capable of doing much good. A Symphony by the grand old master HAYDN, is in rehearsal for next Sunday.

☞ The Report yesterday of a vessel having been on fire near Sandy Hook, which, on nearing sight proved, was incorrect.

Special Correspondence of the N. Y. Daily Times.

WASHINGTON, Friday, March 23, 1855.

No man living approaches a reptile with more repugnance than does my pen approach, even though it be for the laudable purpose of crushing it to the earth, or smothering it in its native filth. But there are occasions when humanity demands personality from the reptile's fangs, and I, therefore, disposed to let it pass unmentioned, deny to no society requires a man to place his heel upon the reptile's head. One of those occasions presents itself to your correspondent at this time, and I proceed coolly and calmly to the discharge of a disgusting duty.

A few days since my letter contained the following paragraph:

"VANDERBILT and JOHN L. WHITE are here, pressing upon the Government the propriety of some action in behalf of the Nicaragua Transit Company against the Walker Government. Thus far they have failed absolutely—and will fail. Boats by deceived by the strenuous efforts making, and which will be made from this point, to run the stock up again to a point where it may be sold to advantage by the parties who hold large quantities. Among the schemes for blowing a little life into the speculation upon was an article published in a city paper on Saturday last, urging the necessity of intervention by our Government against Walker, and very strongly in sympathy with certainly the arrest of any measures which the new holders of the Transit stock affected to put upon the line from New-York, Hamburg. The article in question was written by Wm. Marcy, at his instance, and published by his government. If MARCY puts the Orizaba or any other steamer on the line, she will be treated by our Government precisely as any other vessel sailing out of the port of New-York. If known to violate the neutrality laws, of course she will be held to answer; but otherwise she cannot be molested."

The general ideas herein presented have been sustained by nearly every paper in the country, having a correspondent at this point, and I leave the future to vindicate the advice I have given your Wall-street readers, not to be deceived by false statements and fallacious reasoning, both proceeding from interested parties. The hour will come when the DAILY TIMES will receive the thanks of those who have been saved from ruinous speculations by such cautions as are contained in the above. I submit that very paragraph to Decorum in its terms and unexceptionable in its tone. The following is the response of the guilt-stricken being who permitted the columns of the journal he controls to be used for the base purpose of the article I have condemned:

"The Washington correspondent of the New-York Times, after stating that the information on which the article in question was based, was obtained from parties connected with the Transit Company, (WHICH IS TRUE, it being our custom in seeking information always to apply to those who most necessarily have the information we desire to circulate,) also undertakes to impeach our motive in making the publication; saying that it was made to affect the price of Nicaragua Transit Stock. We have long submitted in silence to personal calumny from the pen of the lying little scoundrel who prostitutes the columns of the New-York TIMES in this City, to black-mail any and all who come to Washington on business with the Government, because independent of caution any one knows, as he is, to be a mere tool, engaged in selling the columns of the journals for which he writes, to sustain, villify, or misrepresent any gentleman or measure whatever, when money, from a five dollar-greenback up, will be paid to him for so doing."

I do not complain of the greatness of the latter quotation. The creature which marks its course in such filthy slime is not expected to use the language of a gentleman. I do not deny it the blackguard's privilege of retailing Billingsgate, for that would be to condemn it to eternal silence—a penalty for the exercise of which your correspondent has no taste.

The reader will notice the admission in the foregoing that WHITE was the party under whose negative influence the article I criticise was penned and published. The fact I charged them to established; and the world will judge whether or no the motive of WHITE's ridiculous lamentation was or was not to affect and inflate the price of Nicaragua Transit Stock. I leave that matter for the present just where it stands. Should anybody impeach the general character of my contesting witness, I know I shall be under the necessity of seeking more creditable testimony;—but I leave that duty for the occasion when it may arise.

And now to the readers of the DAILY TIMES (with the creature who vainly supposes he can slander any gentleman in a community where he is known) I have to stamp the personal charges against my integrity, as bold, malignant, unmitigated falsehoods, without a shadow of a fact to sustain them; and I here challenge any man living to produce the evidence which shall even cast the shade of suspicion upon my personal or professional integrity. I ask the proofs, and if they are not forthcoming, I ask the world to judge to whom the application of "lying scoundrel" appertains. Your correspondent cannot stoop so far as to apply it; and if he could, the designation of "liar," "scoundrel," "villifier," "lawyer of black mail," and "poltroon," have been so often publicly affixed (by JOHN C. RIVERS, of this city, and others) to the creature who has now crossed my path, that a new application would find no place upon him to which the dirty words would stick.

And now it is my turn to attack. The precise charges which have been made upon me I hurl back with scorn and contempt upon their author. I pin them fast upon him, and charge him with black-mailing those who have business with Government. This is notorious. Scarce a man in Washington who does not believe it, and many a man knows it to his own shame and sorrow. If the proofs are wanted, *I have them, and will produce them.* Indeed, I should be quite willing to rest the case upon the evidence of "parties connected with the Transit Company,"—subpœna Mr. WHITE himself, and let him testify under oath whether he has not felt compelled to pay for the suppression of abuse and the publication of such articles as that in which this controversy originated. I would ask him whether the creature who assails me is not his paid attorney and agent, and do not think I should fail in getting all the evidence necessary for my purpose.

My assailant makes no attempt to state a single specific fact against me, and I defy him to produce a single respectable man here who even believes his foul calumny. I will give him a few facts,—just a sample of the sort of entertainment which I have in store for him. I charge him first with offering to sell the services of his Press to Mr. CUNARD, of the Cunard line of steamers, to break down the Collins line. Mr. CUNARD, who was here at the time, like a true gentleman, indignantly spurned the proposition; and soon afterwards the creature who attempt to sell himself against his country and his country's interest and honor, gave unmistakable evidence of his repentance by denouncing the appropriations for the Collins steamers. How much he perilled the cause he undertook to advocate it would be difficult to estimate.

I charge him again with seeking during three months or more to get a bribe out of the claimants under the Texas Debt, to write up the Texas Debt bill,—offering to write for it if paid, and threatening to write against it if not employed. He was again refused, and from then to the end opposed that bill with all the venom of which his nature is capable.

I charge him again with saying that he had eight members of Congress who would vote against the French Spoliation bill, unless they and he were paid,—he demanding a fee of $10,000. This was refused, and the consequence was his bitter, energetic and malignant persecution of the French Spoliations. I have more of these facts in store if wanted. I state nothing which I cannot prove, and I will prove these statements to be absolutely true whenever the occasion to do so arises.

I have now discharged a duty most repugnant to my feelings. I doubt, not my assailant will rejoice at the publicity which his foul business has thus received at my hands; but I would warn those who have honest business with the Government to keep out of his clutches. He really can aid no good cause, and can only injure such by advocating it. Having said thus much, I leave him in the unmeasurable language of WHITE,—"I leave him in the worst company I know of in the world. I leave him with himself."

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Fatal Accident in Williamsburgh.

On Saturday afternoon, JOHN H. GIBBONS, eldest son of Rev. JOHN LEWARDS GIBBONS, of the Flushing Female Institute, accidentally fell from the roof of that building to the ground, a distance of 30 feet, receiving serious internal injuries, which resulted in death the same evening. He was out upon the flat roof, engaged in flying a young brother's kite, and the wind being high, it is supposed that in going backwards against it he slipped, his feet slipped over its parapet. The deceased was 17 years of age.

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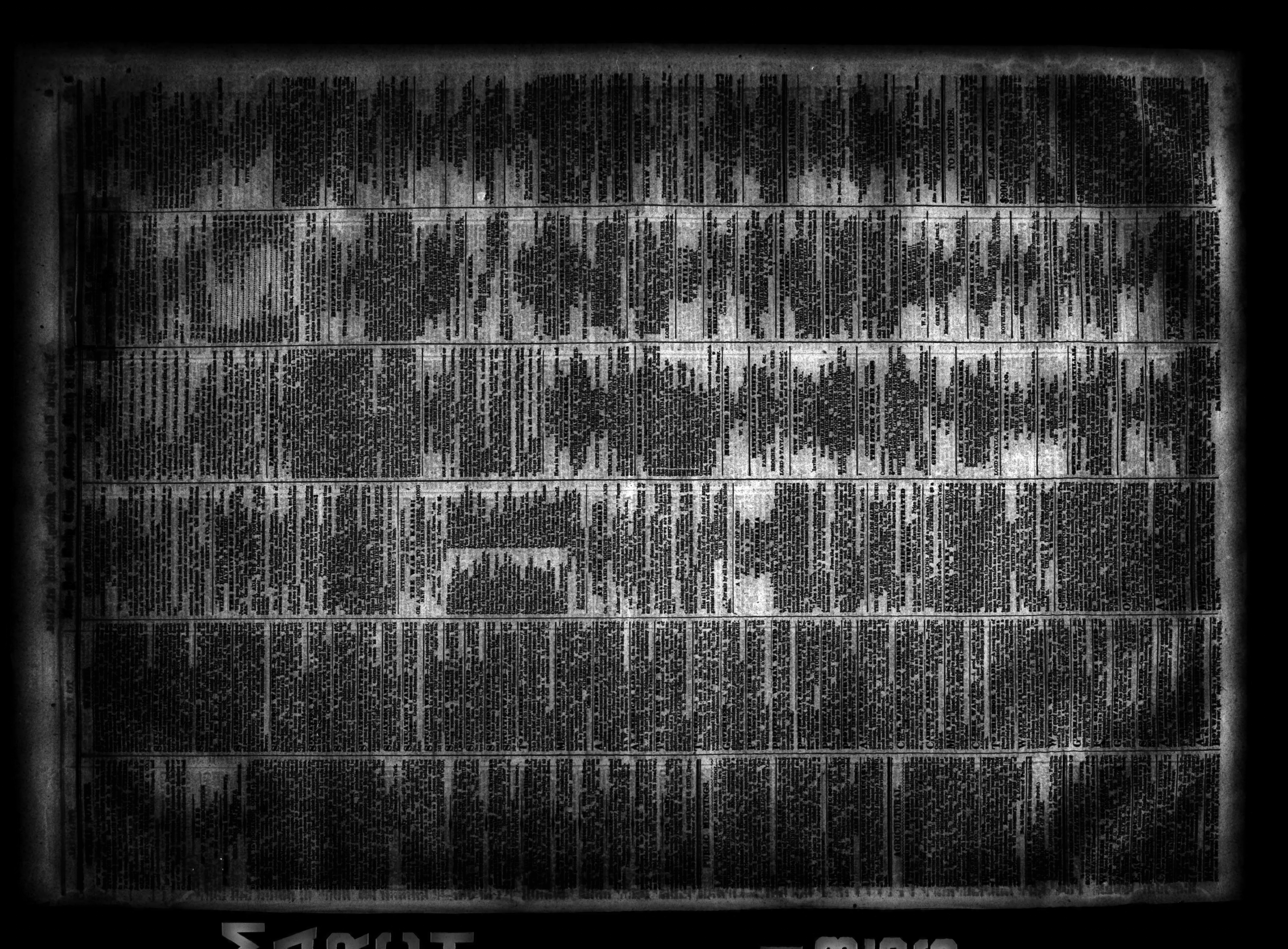

AMUSEMENTS.

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BURTON'S, CHAMBERS-STREET.—MONDAY.—A MOST ATTRACTIVE SELECTION OF COMIC PIECES. The comedy of PAUL PRY. The comical and musical extravagance of GANEM, THE SLAVE OF LOVE. With new Scenery, Dresses, and excellent Music by Mr. Wallace. And the screaming farce of THAT BLESSED BABY. Mr. Burton in three excellent characters. Mrs. G. Howard as Ganem—a great Rôle. [illegible]

BROADWAY THEATRE.—E. A. MARSHALL, Sole Lessee; W. J. Blake, Stage Manager. [illegible] THIS EVENING, March 31, the Farce of THAT BLESSED BABY. To be followed by the Allegorical and Mythic Spectacle, PRANDE AND AZEMAI OR, THE TWO ERAS. [illegible] To conclude with the great National Tableau of WASHINGTON CROSSING THE DELAWARE.

WALLACK'S THEATRE.—Doors open at 6½; [illegible] THIS EVENING, March 31, 1856, will be performed Shakspeare's Play of AS YOU LIKE IT. [illegible] To conclude with the ever-popular Farce of OUT FOR A HOLIDAY.

BUSTON'S NATIONAL THEATRE.—THIS EVENING, March 31, at 7½ o'clock, the Sterling Drama of the THE LAST NAIL, Or, the Drunkard's Doom. After which THE MAGIC TRUMPET. To conclude with the Drama of THE MOOR RAISED, Or, the Prophet of the Moor.

LAURA KEENE'S VARIETIES—LATE LYCEUM, METROPOLITAN THEATRE, BROADWAY. Doors open at 7; to a clock; performances commence at 7 o'clock precisely. THIS EVENING, March 31, the performances will be as follows: CAMILLE, OR A MORAL OF LIFE. Armand Duval.....Mr. G. Jordan. Camille Gautier.....Miss Laura Keene. To conclude with NOVELTY.

SIGNOR BENZ—Would respectfully inform his friends and the public generally that his Concert of vocal and instrumental music will take place on MONDAY EVENING, March 31, at the Brooklyn Institute, when he will be kindly assisted by LOUISE PAYNE and LITTLE ADA S. MARGETSON, the Pianist and Composer, having a full artistic of music, who have volunteered their services. Full programmes to be had at Sanford's music store, No. 197 Canal-st. N. B.—On this occasion, Master ANTONIO BINI will make his second and positively last appearance, when he will perform on the violin, being 3 months long, 3 months in weight, and made for his own hands.

JENNY LINDS.—THE GRAND RECEPTION HALL in the above distinguished British artist drile at Castle Garden, THIS EVENING, the 31st inst. Tickets 25 cents; to a gentleman and ladies, to be had of the following gentlemen: Brown at the Museum; CHAS. KEEN, No. 92 Wall-st.; CHAS. McCARTHY, No. 54 Park; ROBERT NICHOLAS, No. 46 Chatham-st.; THOS. WHITE, 204 Kent-av., Brooklyn; ROBERT G. WELD, Chambers-st.; H. H. Sanford; HENRY SHARP, Tremont, No. 106 4th-av.; EUGENE J. SULLIVAN, Secretary, No. 24 Park-place.

N. B. The reception will begin at 8 o'clock; an address will then be presented to Mr. Frost, and dancing will commence at 9½ o'clock precisely.

MILLER'S GRAND CONCERT-ROOM, No. 596 BROADWAY.—These new and magnificent rooms are conveniently arranged for large or small concerts, anniversary meetings, &c. Their superior acoustic qualities are acknowledged by the best musical talent. The proportions and model style of finish for opera say over offered for public use in Europe or America. Terms favorable. Inquire of the proprietor, GEO. W. MILLER.

NATIONAL ACADEMY OF DESIGN.—The 31st annual exhibition of the National Academy is now open daily, from 9 A. M. to 10 P. M., at No. 548 Broadway, between Prince and Spring-sts. The collection is formed exclusively of original works of living artists, which have never before been exhibited in this City. Admission 25 cents, or ticket, 50 cents.
T. ADDISON RICHARDS, Cor. Sec'y N. A.

CONCERTS.—WHITEHOUSE'S NEW-ENGLAND HALL, under the direction of E. FREEMAN WHITEHOUSE, the popular ballad singer, will give six concerts, [illegible] THIS EVENING, March 31, at the Odeon, Williamsburg; TUESDAY, April 1, at Commercial Hall, Jersey City; on WEDNESDAY EVENING, April 2, Tickets 25 cents. Concerts to commence at 8 o'clock.

GRAND CONCERT.—By the YOUNG LADIES OF GRAMMAR SCHOOL No. 7, in Carmine-st., at the Broadway Tabernacle, on WEDNESDAY EVENING, April 2, under the direction of Mr. GEO. F. BRISTOW. Tickets 25 cents. For sale at the school and at the Ticket Office on the evening of performance. Doors open at 6½ o'clock; concerts to commence at 7½.

WILLIAMSBURG AMUSEMENTS.—Mr. J. WIMAN, the Wizard, will give his popular entertainments at the Odeon all of this week, commencing to-night, March 31. Fun, wonder and delight may be anticipated.

THE CELEBRATED EGYPTIAN MUSEUM.—Numbering upwards of eleven hundred objects, with several recent additions, is the most popular exhibition in the City. Open day and evening, at the Stuyvesant Institute, No. 659 Broadway. Admission 25 cents.

THE CRYSTAL PALACE.—This beautiful building contains various objects of interest.—An elegant gothic tapestry, a gallery of paintings, rare and valuable statuary, Minder ornamental implements and machinery. It will remain open until further notice.

DERBY'S GALLERY, No. 487 BROADWAY.—The best collection of Paintings in this country. It contains 100 Pictures. Open DAY and EVENING. Admission 25 cents.

REMOVAL.

REMOVAL.—E. R. CHRISTENSEN & CO. have removed from [illegible] to No. 76 Broadway, 64 Chair, NEW WAREHOUSE, Nos. 24 and 26 Rutgers-st. and Nos. 41 and 43 Division-st.

A. E. SHEPARD, HARNES & BROADS have REMOVED from their long stand, No. 18, to the new MARBLE STORE, No. 10 Park-Row, (Sun building, opposite.) Their stock of STATIONERY, Fancy and Domestic, will embrace a large variety, [illegible] They are also Agents for the series of Papers known as the KENT MILLS; which can be supplied to dealers at low rates.

REMOVAL.—DRAKE & BRADFORD have removed their office to No. 40 Merchants' Exchange, [illegible] in Wall-st.

REMOVAL.—GEO. S. ROBBINS & SON have removed from No. 48 Wall-st. to No. 44 William-st., corner of Pine.

FINE ARTS.

NEW DRAWING BOOK.—Containing thirty elementary and progressive studies of heads, landscapes, &c. Cloth, full gilt, [illegible] Bound, $2 50. For sale by W. SCHAUS, No. 351 Broadway.

HORSES AND CARRIAGES.

ROCKAWAY FOR SALE.—A very fine single [illegible] Rockaway, can be made open or close, with a [illegible] Also, a fine [illegible] horse, all or any part on [illegible] Can be seen at CASSIDAY'S Stable, No. 502 West [illegible]

TO SUBSCRIBERS.—Rather valued from [illegible] is willing to dispose of his horse and carriage. Apply to Dr. JAMES COCKCROFT, No. 34 [illegible]

VERGNES' ELECTRO-CHEMICAL BATHS.—[illegible] VERGNES, the discoverer of the power to extract [illegible] from the human body, is at No. [illegible] Bathing, when taken, not only extract metallic substances from the [illegible] but are remarkably effective in curing the [illegible] Consultation free. [illegible] Patients can be accommodated [illegible] Terms [illegible] Also, a [illegible] Bath, [illegible] Terms [illegible] Lectures to students, at No. 770 Broadway.

FOR SALE.

FARMS FOR SALE IN OHIO.—THE LANDS OF THE UNITED STATES IN OHIO, FOR SALE, 1,000,000 MILLION OF ACRES OF [illegible] Apply to [illegible]

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AUCTION SALES.

SALE OF THIRTY-SEVEN LOTS OF VALUABLE BROOKLYN PROPERTY.—ADRIAN H. MULLER will sell at public auction, on THURSDAY, April 3, at 12 o'clock M., at the Merchants' Exchange, New-York, by order of the undersigned assignee of Catharine Cocion, the following described property, viz:

1 lot on the south side of 10th-st., between 7th and 8th-avs.
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COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS.

See Monday and Third Page.

SALES AT THE STOCK EXCHANGE, MARCH 29.

FIRST BOARD.

$6,000 Illinois Cent. R. B. 6s	92	1,100	Erie Railroad	sd	20¾
100 Illinois Trans. Co.	c 13¾	50	do.		20¾
10 do.	14	100	do.		20¾
200 Flor. & K. J. R.	4	100	do.		20¾
50 Chic. & Rock Isl. R. R.	sd 86	50	do.		20¾
100 Reading Railr'd	b10 22¾	100	do.		b10 20¾
100 do.	c10 22¾	100	Clev. & Tol. R.R.		c10 72¾
100 do.	22¾	100	do.		b10 72¾
100 T. H. & A. A. R. R.	7¾	100	do.		b10 72¾
100 D. & M. Can. Co.	b10 100	100	do.		72¾
100 do.	127	100	do.		b10 72¾
100 Dr. North America	b10 94	100	do.		c10 72¾
10 Metropolitan Bank	102	100	do.		c10 72¾
5 Bank of America	112	100	do.		72¾
10 Ocean Bank	84	100	do.		c10 72¾
10 Canton Co.	25¾	100	do.		b10 72¾
100 Miner. Trans. Co.	sd 11¾	100	do.		c10 72¾
100 do.	c 11¾	50	Harlem Railroad		22¾
10 Pennsylv. Coal Co.	30	100	do.		b10 22¾
100 Cumb. Coal Co.	b5 24¾	50	N. Y. & New. R. R.		64
100 do.	c 24¾	200	Chic. & R.I.R.R.	b10	94¾
100 do.	b10 24¾	50	do.		94¾
100 N. Y. Cen. R. R.	b10 91	50	do.		94¾
100 do.	b5 91	50	do.		94¾
100 do.	c 91	50	Little Miami R. R.		50
100 do.	b10 91¾	200	Reading Railroad	sd	22¾
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100 do.	91¾	100	do.		22¾
200 Clev. & Pitts. R.	c 72¾	100	do.		c10 22¾
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100 do.	b10 69	100	do.		22¾
50 Gal. & Chic. R.R.	114	100	do.		22¾
5 do.	113¾	400	do.		b10 22¾
100 do.	113¾	600	M. S. & N. I. R. R.		24¾
100 Cleve. & Tol. R.R.	b5 69	100	do.		24¾
100 do.	c 69	200	do.		b10 24¾
100 do.	69	150	do.		24¾
100 do.	b10 69	18	Cleve. C. & Chi.		102¾
50 do.	b10 69	50	Ill. Cen. R. R.		sd 27¾
200 do.	c 69¾	100	do.		b5 27¾
200 Hud. Riv. R. R.	b5 35	100	do.		c10 27¾
100 do.	34¾	50	Mich. Central R. R.		88¾

SECOND BOARD.

$10,000 Ill. Cen. R. B. 6s	92	100	Mich. S. & N.I. R.	sd	24¾
100 Illinois Trans. Co.	c 13¾	50	Panama Rail'd	b5	103¾
10 do.	14	200	Erie Railroad		20¾
200 Flor. & K. J. R.	4	100	do.		20¾
50 Chic. & Rock Isl. R. R.	sd 86	50	do.		20¾
100 Reading Railr'd	b10 22¾	100	do.		20¾
100 do.	c10 22¾	100	Clev. & Tol. R.R.		72¾
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MIXING BOARD.

200 New. Cat. Cov. Rd.	sd 60	200	Gardner G. M.	c	21
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MONDAY, March 31—A. M.

The Foreign trade returns of the port of New-York, for the past week, show an Import of Foreign Merchandise, including the Dry Goods table in our last paper, of $4,391,637, against $2,806,754 the corresponding week last year. The arrival, early in the week, of a fleet of India clipper ships, caused the entries of Teas to amount to $578,266. The entries of West India Sugars amount to $466,961. The Exports of Domestic Produce and Miscellaneous Goods amount to $1,897,968 against same week last year $1,437,-610. The direct Export of Specie $158,705, against $24,400 same week last year. From Boston, the export for New-York amount, was $550,000 against $775,000 same week last year. The official monthly returns of trade at New-York, from 1st July 1855, the beginning of the current fiscal or Treasury year, to the 1st March, inst., show that the Import of Foreign Merchandise amounted to.....$121,008,600
Entries for Warehouse in March.....22,[illegible]

Total to date.....$[illegible]
Against same time last year.....[illegible]
Increase about 15 ¾ cent.....$17,008,431

From July 1, 1855, to March 1, 1856, the official monthly returns of the Export of Domestic Produce, and the reexport of Miscellaneous Foreign Goods amounted to.....$51,628,969
Four weeks in March.....3,546,152

Total to date.....$55,175,182
Against same time last year.....45,589,592
Increase to date.....$10,730,590

During the same time there was a Specie Export from New-York of.....$11,851,000
Four weeks in March.....2,493,034

Total to date.....$14,344,034
Against same time last year.....25,539,590
Decrease to date.....$11,195,556

The deliveries of California Gold the past week amounted to $1,261,272 against $817,200 the corresponding week last year. From the 1st July 1855 to the 1st March inst., the deliveries of California Gold, by manifest, at the port of New-York,
Amounted to.....$26,174,856
Four weeks in March.....2,759,918

Total to date.....$29,927,744
Same time last year.....38,901,797
Decrease since 1st July 1855.....$8,974,053

The whole income of Specie during the past week was about $1,447,000, including $100,000 from Chiagres and $60,000 from France on Saturday by steamship *Fulton*, while the outgo was $[illegible] to China, Europe via Boston, Canada and Savannah, while there was an accumulation in the Government Office at New-York, on Saturday afternoon against $12,273,072 at the close of the previous week. Under these various movements, the Bank reserve, which amounted to $14,869,556 on the last Statement, will probably fall to about $14,000,000 on the Statement to be made up this afternoon. The Money market, through the week, was somewhat irregular in demand, though showing more activity at the close among the Discount Brokers, who are steadily supplied with good paper outside of the usual dates current at Bank. We quote demand loans 7 ¾ cent.; short paper, 7@8 ¾ cent.; 90 days to six months' first-class bills, 8@9 ¾ cent.; approved Railroad acceptances, 9@10 ¾ cent. The Foreign Exchanges are ⅛@¼ ¾ cent. lower on London, and quite dull on France and the North of Europe, some preference being shown for Sterling as a remittance to the Continent, owing to the change in favor of that point advised by the last steamer. The regular Bankers, who control most of the New-Orleans and Mobile remittances, are understood to be amply supplied with Foreign Exchange, and are disposed to be free sellers at 109¾@109⅞. The business for the Collins steamer on Saturday was quite insignificant. The *Persia*, sailing direct next Wednesday, will, probably, take a large mail, and a few hundred thousand dollars in Gold bars, of which the supply on the market, from the last California receipts, is only about half a million of dollars. There is some Gold coming in from the West, though not equal to the outgo to the South and East. The Bills Receivable of the New-England manufacturers, falling due in this City through the present month, have thrown the exchange in favor of Boston, and as the Banks there have just established a Clearing House, the strict operation of which will require a larger Specie reserve than they have been in the practice of carrying, the balances are being drawn in Gold and transferred through the Sub-Treasury—the Government having an accumulation in Boston not wanted at that point.

The Foreign export movement of Specie [illegible] will add up about $2,500,000 from New-York, and $650,000 from Boston, together $3,150,000, against $4,228,000 last March. In April last year the total was $4,888,000, which sum, from the present look of the Foreign Exchanges, is not likely to be exceeded in April this year. In May last year the movement reached $7,188,000. The policy of the Secretary of the Treasury will probably be to accumulate a heavy balance at New-York until 1st June, when $2,700,000 will go out for the Texas Indemnity.

The course of the Stock Exchange at the close of the past week was to steady prices and a [illegible]

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	March 22.	March 29.
N. Y. Central	92¾	93¾
Erie	21¾	20¾
Reading	22	22¾
Toledo	72¾	72¾
Galena	111¾	110¾
Michigan Central	90¾	90¾
Northern Michigan	20¾	20¾
Panama	103¾	104¾
Illinois Centrals	92¾	92
Virginia	94¾	95¾
Missouri 6s	84¾	84
Transit Company	15¾	15¾
Cleveland and Pittsburg	69¾	69¾
Hudson River	34¾	34¾
Rock Island	86	86
Milwaukee	69¾	68¾

The following is a comparative statement of the Export of Domestic Produce and Miscellaneous Goods for the week, and the corresponding week of last year:

	1855. Quantity.	1855. Value.	1856. Quantity.	1856. Value.
Cotton, bales	7,417	$[illegible]	7,809	$[illegible]
Flour, bbls	2,779	17,314	8,545	49,881
Corn Meal, pbls	1,327	4,507	445	1,[illegible]
Wheat, bush	—	—	91,720	49,[illegible]
Corn, bush	134,760	132,740	95,707	77,[illegible]
Pork, bbls and tcs	7,968	92,140	1,200	25,[illegible]
Beef, bbls and tcs	798	8,787	850	12,[illegible]
Total Produce		$[illegible]		$[illegible]
Miscellaneous		597,461		897,[illegible]
Total for the week		$1,437,610		$1,897,968

The Export of Cotton from the Southern ports, for the week, amounted to 76,000 bales, on a quotation of 9¾ cents for Middlings at New-Orleans, against 88,000 bales same week last year, on a quotation of 8¾ cents. The total export of the season 1,771,000 bales against 1,880,000 to same date last year.

HANNIBAL AND ST. JOSEPH ROAD.

From Mississippi to Missouri River.....206¾ miles.
Missouri State aid in 6 ¾ cents.....$1,500,000
Additional in 7 ¾ cents.....1,500,000
Land Mort. Bonds of Company.....4,000,000

Total means provided.....$7,000,000
Yearly interest on State Sixes.....$90,000
2¾ ¾ cent. Sinking Fund.....97,500
Yearly interest on State Sevens.....105,000
1¾ ¾ cent. Sinking Fund.....18,750
Yearly interest on Mort. Bonds.....280,000
Sink'g Fund applied by lot yearly.....40,000

Total yearly charge on revenues.....$672,250

The State retains a lien upon the Road and 10 ¾ cent. after completion, on its *net* revenues, as security for the repayment of the loans made to the Company. The 10 ¾ cent. to go as a Sinking Fund to the particular class of State Bonds issued to this Company, in addition to the 2¾ ¾ cent. a year on the 20-year Six ¾ cents., and 1¾ ¾ cent. a year on the 30-year Sevens. The Lands are unconditionally granted to the Company, except that when the Company's own mortgages upon them are paid off, the surplus proceeds of sales shall go to the payment of the class of State Bonds, for the principal and interest of which the Company is held bound by indorsement. The following memorandum has been sent to us from a responsible source, of the recent negotiations of the Company.

On the 26th day of February last, the Hannibal & St. Joseph Railroad Company negotiated through Messrs. J. E. Thayer & Brother, of Boston, and Dr Lamnay, Isselin & Clarke, of New-York, four millions dollars of their First Mortgage Bonds on 400,000 acres of land located on the line of the Road. This amount, with three millions State Bonds, gives them ample Cash means to complete the Road in 1857. Forty miles are now graded—3,000 tons rails have been purchased, and are now in the course of delivery, and six miles of track laid. These lands are equal to any in the United States, many of them are particularly adapted to the cultivation of hemp and tobacco, and through these counties the Road will run on extensive beds of coal. This Road, when completed, gives a continuous Railroad connection from the City of New-York to St. Joseph on the Missouri River, 1,489 miles. The last connection west from Chicago, (the Northern Cross Road,) 106 miles from Galesburg to Quincy, on the Mississippi, being opened on the 1st February.

There are 8 Joint-Stock Banks and 61 Private Banking firms in London, of which 6 of the former and 25 of the latter are in the Clearing House. The number of Joint-Stock proprietors or stockholders is 5,725, of whom 1,875 are women. The number of partners in the 61 Private Banking firms is 202. The banking offices are in number 96, viz:

Offices of Private Bankers	61
Offices or branches, Joint-Stock	31
Bank of England offices	2
Eastern Corporation Bank	1
National Bank of Ireland	1
Total	96

The French Government journal the *Moniteur*, has the following announcement:

"The anticipation of peace has given rise to numerous projected undertakings. Fresh Companies are being formed, and demands are every day addressed to the Government. It is the duty of the Government to resist exaggerated impulses which might compromise both thriving enterprises, and to injure its public credit. The Emperor has decided that, whatever may be the issue of pending negotiations, the Government will gradually the rate to it has increased on stock, and that no undertaking requiring an issue of new securities shall be authorized during the present year."

The Vienna correspondent of the London *Times* thus refers to the mania for speculation in the Austrian capital:

"It was stated on 'Change to-day that the Emperor Napoleon had in his speech expressed a strong hope that peace would be restored, and the National Loan reached 86, which is two ¾ cent. higher than it was yesterday. You can form no idea of the wild and often unprincipled speculation which is going on here. Capital is now rarely invested for the sake of the 6, 7, or 8 ¾ cent. ¾ annum which may be obtained for it, but most people buy stock on speculation, with the hope that they shall, within a few hours, be able to sell it again at an advanced price. Men and women of high and low degree have become stock-jobbing *dilettanti*, and it need hardly be said that many persons who can ill afford it lose their money."

Several of our cotemporaries have expressed some anxiety to know the result, on the Stock Market, of a forthcoming report from the Erie Directors. We believe the report is one which should have been made at the close of the last Railroad year, in October, containing substantially the figures then put forth in a tabular statement from the Erie Office, and also rendered to the State Railway Commission. But, owing to accidental delays at the time, it was thought best to make the pamphlet report include the first quarter of the new Railroad year, *i. e.*, the months of October, November and December, the business and expenses of which have been strictly audited, and present, after the payment of operating charges on the Road and interest on the debt, about $462,000 for the dividend fund. Beyond this, we have looked for nothing new or startling, or even particularly encouraging, beyond what has been generally understood by the bond and stock holders. Therefore been a good deal said and industriously rumored about the estimates of the Superintendent for new construction, but after the exaggerated statements on the subject had been exhausted in Wall-street, we find the amount of prospective new construction given at about $269,000, which, coming out of the surplus earnings of the Road, requiring the creation of no new debt or stock, interfering with no dividend arrangement, and extending, if met by, over several years' business, is no very important item in a concern of thirty-five millions of dollars. The fact which will accompany this estimate we take to be much more significant, to wit, that the roadway and equipment are in excellent condition throughout, and the former free from any serious contingency, to interrupt traffic from land slides or fire, except in the instances for which the Superintendent directs attention, and for which he recommends the foregoing expenditure.

Since writing the foregoing we have been furnished with a [illegible]

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COMPARATIVE TRAFFIC—OCT. 1 TO DEC. 31.

EARNINGS.

	1854.	1855.
From Freight	$973,[illegible]	$1,[illegible]
Passengers	415,[illegible]	[illegible]
Storage	1,[illegible]	[illegible]
Telegraph	97	1,[illegible]
Rent	1,[illegible]	2,[illegible]
Mails	29,157	29,157
Total Earnings	$1,490,782	$1,797,[illegible]
EXPENSES, ETC.		
Transportation Expenses	$[illegible]	$784,[illegible]
Rent of Union Railroad	21,168	22,[illegible]
Interest on Floating Debt	38,908	11,[illegible]
Interest on Funded Debt	401,170	404,[illegible]
Taxes	12,645	12,645
Hire of Engines and Cars	2,[illegible]	—
Total Expenses	$1,148,133	$1,[illegible],191
RECAPITULATION.		
Earnings	$1,490,782	$1,797,[illegible]
Expenses, &c	1,148,133	1,[illegible],191
Net Earnings	$[illegible]	$[illegible]
Profit to Stock, first quarter, 1854	3.94 ¾ cent.	
Profit same quarter, 1855	4.62 ¾ cent.	
Increase of gross traffic	$347,307	
Increase of operating expenses	$166,173	
Increase of interest on debt	13,[illegible]	
Increased net result to stock	180,149	
Together	$347,307	

The Report of the President on the future policy of the Company, and particularly with reference to the proposed improvements at Jersey City—which, as we have already stated, will be a leased property, involving no new debt on the Company until such time, if ever, as it may be deemed advisable to purchase out and out—is of such importance that we transfer the explanation at length:

The Directors, in their Circular to the public, in October, 1854, asking for proposals to the new loan of $4,000,000, indicated to the Stockholders the future policy of the Company, as follows:

All Bonds on being purchased by said Trustees, shall be canceled by writing or printing on their face, "Held by the Sinking Fund of the New-York and Erie Railroad Company;" but that the interest warrants on said canceled Bonds shall be collected and paid over when they become due, until the monthly payments of the New-York Erie Railroad Company, and the accruing interest, or the conversion of Convertible Bonds into Stock of the Company, shall have reduced the entire debt of the Company to twenty millions of dollars. After which the sinking fund payments shall cease, and the trust vested in said Trustees shall be closed, and all Bonds and Bonds and the unpaid interest warrants delivered to this Company.

Resolved, That so often as the Bonds purchased by the Sinking Fund amount to ten per cent. on the capital stock, the Company will, upon receiving the authority from the Legislature of the State, declare at the next ensuing annual meeting a scrip dividend of ten per cent.

Resolved, That so often as the Sinking Fund shall have the amount to be derived from the proceeds of the road [illegible] after subtracting the Interest Bonds due in February next, be charged to Transportation Expenses.

In conformity therewith, the Company will declare a dividend of ten per cent. in Stock (the law authorizing the same being first obtained) in April, 1856; and the following is offered as an approximate estimate of the amount which will be accumulated in the Sinking Fund on the respective dividend days, until the debt of the Company shall be reduced, according to the terms above recited, to $20,000,000.

SINKING FUND.

1853. Sept. 30	$262,000	
1854. April 1, estimated	269,000	
1854. Oct. 1, estimated	354,000	
1855. April 1, estimated	1,088,000	First Dividend.
1855. Oct. 1, estimated	1,088,000	
1856. April 1, estimated	1,409,000	
1856. Oct. 1, estimated	1,094,000	
1857. April 1, estimated	2,188,000	Second Dividend.
1857. Oct. 1, estimated	2,491,000	
1858. April 1, estimated	2,894,000	
1858. Oct. 1, estimated	2,197,000	Third Dividend.
1859. April 1, estimated	3,470,000	
1859. Oct. 1, estimated	3,204,000	
1860. April 1, estimated	4,189,000	Fourth Dividend.
1860. Oct. 1, estimated	4,320,000	
1861. April 1, estimated	4,906,000	Fifth Dividend.
Funded Debt, Feb. 29, 1856	$24,091,000	
Sinking Fund, April 1, 1856	4,906,000	
Estimated Funded Debt, April 1, 1861	$19,985,000	

The *capacity* of the road for *moving* freights is, at present, greater than for *receiving* and *discharging* them, and in consequence of the want of suitable room for this purpose at the eastern terminal of the road, much expense and inconvenience have been experienced.

During a portion of the past season, the contracted nature of those accommodations has been such as to limit the business of the road, and the present cramped and utterly insufficient depôt at Jersey City, (so contracted as not to deserve the name,) with the certain prospect of a largely increased trade in future, renders it indispensably necessary that more enlarged facilities should be afforded at Jersey City and Piermont Stations.

By way of explanation, I will state, that the New-York and Erie Railroad and its various branches, with all their extensive connections, have for their use at Jersey City, [illegible] same block of ground, 200 by [illegible] feet in dimensions, that was occupied by the Paterson and Hudson River Railroad, when it extended from Jersey City to Paterson, sixteen miles only. The space is barely large enough for a turning table and standing room for the cars, locomotives, fuel, &c., for the first class passenger business of the Company; and yet the local freight business of the Union road; the entire milk business of the Eastern Division; the through bonded goods and the express parcels, are of necessity forced to take that route at serious inconvenience.

The second-class passengers and emigrants, a large portion of the express matter, and the other fast freights, which conveniently come under the same classification, are unavoidably carried old Piermont. The live stock trains run only to Bergen, three miles out of Jersey City.

The pier at Piermont extends nearly a mile into the river, with three principal tracks its whole length, and about five miles of sidings in addition; yet the area of this pier furnishes only about half the present necessary standing room for cars—to say nothing of the extent of ground required for deposit of lumber, coal, iron and other bulky commodities.

The construction account of this Company has but recently been closed, and it is deemed unwise now to reopen it; yet these requirements are of an imperative nature, and such as will involve an expenditure larger than can with propriety "be charged to Transportation Account." They are, too, of such a character that they cannot profitably be made at the present localities of those terminal, even should the cost be disregarded.

The propriety of making these expenditures; the place at which they shall be made, having in view the greatest dispatch to passengers of both classes; to express and fast freight; the accomodation of shippers of property over the road; the receiving and delivery of the same in New-York; economy in transportation; the greatest advantage of the Company; the general interests of this City; and, that all should be duly promoted, have received the most deliberate consideration.

To this end, a few friends of the New-York and Erie Railroad Company have availed themselves of a most favorable opportunity, such as might never again occur, for securing suitable and extensive grounds upon a location most fitly adapted to its present and future growing wants. The event will be regarded as the more fortunate when it is recalled that property in the immediate vicinity of New-York, and especially so at Jersey City, is being daily taken up for building and manufacturing purposes, and on account of the enhanced value and extent of the ground required, any further delay would possibly have forever defeated the movement. The vegetable garden of to-day becomes a crowded world of a city to-morrow—and the transition in the value of property is equally remarkable.

The property purchased, which is designed for the depôt, is situated in the compact midway between the Jersey City and Hoboken Ferries, north of "Long Dock," in what was formerly known as Absinnus, now Jersey City. It embraces all the land under water, east of high water mark, between Pavonia avenue and North Fourth-street, including half of those streets, and extends into the Hudson River nearly half a mile, containing about seventy acres, or about eight hundred lots of land. From this track to the present line of the Paterson and Hudson River Railroad, a distance of two miles, a continuous right of way is secured, averaging two hundred feet in Jersey City, and two other small lots in Hudson City of comparatively little value. The whole purchase embraces about [illegible] and requires some or two thousand feet [illegible] River, free of land. The present sales largely ex-

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MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

NEW-YORK....SATURDAY, MARCH 29.

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Propeller Osceola, Aldridge, Providence.

ARRIVED.

Bark Lee, West, Havana 17 da., with sugar, [illegible] to Andros & Gelston. Experienced [illegible] weather during the passage; saw none of the [illegible] Brig Ann Eliza, Hatfield, Boston 4 da., with [illegible] to Dayton & Tyng.

Schr [illegible], Lawless, Savannah, [illegible] J. Hunter & Co.

Schr [illegible], Hopper, Savannah, [illegible] J. Hunter & Co.

Schr [illegible], Hallett, Savannah, [illegible] Co.; Francis, Hallett, Savannah, [illegible] Co.; Eagle, Hickman, Philadelphia, [illegible] Co.; Eagle, Hickman, Philadelphia, [illegible] Co.; Eagle, Hickman, Philadelphia